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MUSIC PAIR BID TO DRUM UP FUNDS FOR CANCER CHARITIES

Report by **Henry James**

Pals set to hit the road for 450-mile sponsored scooter trip around Ireland

TWO musicians from Skelmersdale are aiming to drum up support - and cash - for charity by taking part in a sponsored scooter trip across Ireland.

Pals Mick Dee and Joe McDonald will be donning their crash helmets for an Emerald Isle experience with a difference when they set out on the 450-mile trip, taking in both Northern Ireland and the Republic, and are hoping to raise at least £2,000.

The 59-year-old pair are set to disembark from the ferry in Belfast on Friday, May 24 before travelling from County Antrim through County Donegal on to County Sligo, County Galway, County Kildare and then on to Dublin where they will be due to catch the ferry back to Liverpool on Wednesday, May 29.

The duo are members of the tribute act The Un-Specials, which plays two tone and ska music and are also part of The Specialized Project, which was started in 2012 to fundraise to improve the lives of teenagers and young adults who have cancer or are living in difficult circumstances.

The project brings together amateur and professional musicians who create musical projects to raise funds for cancer research and support agencies, such as The Teenage Cancer Trust, The National Foundation for Youth Music and Tonic Music for Mental Health.

Joe and Mick are set to scooter around Ireland for charity.

Mick, from Ashurst, and Joe, from Old Skelmersdale, along with six other band members from The Un-Specials have collected more than £17,000 for charity over the last eight years with a number of fundraising events including a scooter run to Bournemouth and back.

Mick said: "We will be visiting a number of towns and villages on route and hope to arrange some other fundraising events during our journey.

"Over the last six years we have undertaken various charity events with our friends The Un-Specials and to date we are proud to say we've managed to help raise more than £17k for the Specialized projec, www.specializedproject.co.uk, supporting our chosen charity The Teenage Cancer Trust among others."

Target

Mick and Joe's ferry fares have been sponsored by The Vic Public House in Old Skem but the duo will pay all other costs - such as hotels and fuel - themselves.

Mick added: "This year, we are seeking sponsorship from family, friends and work colleagues to help us raise our target of £2,000.

"We would also appreciate any other help to support this fantastic cause. All sponsors will be entered into a raffle to win a framed Northern Soul print signed by Northern Soul photographer Brian Cannon."

For details of how to make a donation go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/unspecials/.

The damaged rope swing.

Vandals target park play area

AN appeal for information has been launched by West Lancashire Borough Council after newly-installed play equipment at Stanley Coronation Park in Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale was vandalised by arsonists in the early hours of Easter Monday.

The rope swing, which has proved a real favourite with local families, was set alight damaging the equipment and the surface area underneath.

The arsonists struck just months after the swing had been put in place and the incident has met with disappointment by officers at the borough council.

Heidi McDougall, director of leisure and environment, said: "This deliberate attack of vandalism is so disappointing to see after the recent investment in the park for all the community to enjoy.

"Funding for the provision of new play areas is limited and we were so delighted when the new equipment was installed."

The council only announced in February that the new play equipment had been installed and was ready to be used.

At the time they said the play apparatus was installed "ahead of schedule" and is "already proving a popular attraction."

Any information regarding this incident can be reported to the police on 101 giving log number LC-20190430-0195; or the borough council on 01695 585144.

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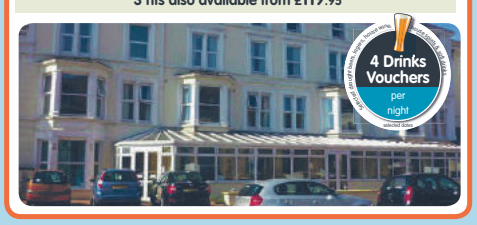

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Another chance to walk the War Horse Route

WEST Lancs Council is again teaming up with Lathom Park Chapel and Aughton & Ormskirk U3A to organise a public walk along the historic War Horse Route taken by the equine heroes of the First World War.

The walk, which was relaunched last year, will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6, starting at 10am at Ormskirk Railway Station.

It will mostly follow the route taken by horses which arrived in Ormskirk from all over the world before being walked to Lathom Park Remount Depot for preparation for service in the Great War. Later in the war a railway was built to transport horses directly from Liverpool Docks to the depot.

On the walk local historian Andrew Beeston from the Chapel/U3A will give the story of the war horses and the contribution they made during the war, plus giving information about various local landmarks.

At the halfway point horses and riders from Area 18 (Lancashire) Side Saddle Association will join the walk and accompany everyone to Lathom Chapel.

The walk will also be assisted by the council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service.

On the day of the guided walk there are two options/

1. Take the guided walk from Ormskirk out to Lathom Park Chapel and then, after refreshments, return to Ormskirk following the outward route. Distance approximately 5.5 miles.

2. Take the guided walk from Ormskirk out to Lathom Park Chapel and stop for refreshments before continuing by one of several routes eg, through Lathom and Ruff Wood before returning to Ormskirk. Distance about 6 to 8 miles.

In addition, the War Horse Route walking leaflet has been re-produced by the council and will allow walkers to choose and follow a route themselves. Copies are available from the council offices in Ormsmirk' the customer service point at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale; Ormskirk Library; and Southport Eco Centre. It is also available to download at www.DiscoverOrmskirk.com.

Lathom Park Chapel.

West Lancs Council's director of development and regeneration, John Harrison, said: "We are delighted to be involved with the War Horse guided walk, which is one of our borough's most popular walks, attracting walkers and visitors to the area. The council is pleased to be working with Lathom Park Chapel and Aughton & Ormskirk U3A to tell the fascinating history of the area's connection with the war horses of World War One, combined within this wonderful guided walk."

Although there is no need to book a place before the day it would be helpful for organisers to know numbers. Contact the council on 01695 712645 between 9am and 5pm to let organisers know you are interested.

Walkers should arrive 15 minutes before departure time, wear suitable footwear and clothing. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Car parking is available at Ormskirk Railway Station, however, organisers are encouraging people to use public transport where possible. See http://traveline.info for help planning your journey.

On the same day as the walk Lathom Park Chapel will host a concert by Skelmersdale Brass Band, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 with proceeds going towards repair of the chapel's East window. They are available from wardens Sally Baker, on 01695 722022, or Elizabeth Beeston on 01695 574928.

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Lord Prescott to speak at Ambassadors' special Business Breakfast event

Report by **Henry James**

LORD John Prescott will be a guest speaker at a special Business Breakfast event to be held by Skelmersdale Ambassadors on Wednesday, May 15.

In addition to his former role as Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Prescott also previously held several senior positions in transport, energy and employment.

He is regarded as a staunch supporter of Northern towns like Skelmersdale fulfilling their potential and his vast experience is expected to provide an interesting insight at the event as to how this could be realised.

Mark Whitworth, chief executive of Peel Ports and chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board, said: "I am delighted to welcome Lord Prescott to our event on May 15. John will provide a wealth of knowledge on the subject of regional development, driving economic growth and the importance of public transport.

"With the new town centre regeneration project providing a refreshed impetus, Skelmersdale is on the cusp of several new

Lord Prescott

development opportunities. Strategically it is well positioned to capitalise on its proximity to one of the UK's largest ports and two of the North's most vibrant cities, Skelmersdale is a great place for business."

Since taking on the role as chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board in January, Mr Whitworth has been enthused by the commitment of businesses who have already invested as members of the Skelmersdale Ambassadors and committed to invest in the future of the town.

Pledge

At a previous event held in February he pledged his personal commitment to deliver meaningful value to the Ambassadors and was keen to welcome new businesses who wish to consider joining and being a part of Skelmersdale's future.

A spokesman for the Skelmersdale Ambassadors said: "If your business would like to be a part of this influential group, which is committed to the area and has the know how to drive change, the Skelmersdale Ambassadors provide an opportunity for every organisation, whatever its size, to get involved."

For more information on how to become a member and further details of this event visit the Ambassadors website at www.letstalkskelmersdale.com/ambassadors/.

Co-operative staff present the cheque for £900 to the Food Bank.

Co-op staff lend a helping hand to town's Food Bank

STAFF at the Co-operative Bank have donated £900 to Skelmersdale's Food Bank.

The employees fundraised to collect £500 and management at the bank donated the additional £400.

Colleagues based at the Co-op's Delf House in Southway also held a cake sale and Easter Raffle to raise an extra £100.

This was then used to buy essential items that the Trussell Trust Food Bank, based at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale, were in desperate need of.

Items included UHT milk, boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar, bottles of cordial and boxes of long life fruit juice.

They also spent an extra £100 to purchase men's toiletries, including shower gel, shampoo, razors, deodorant, toothpaste and washing tablets.

Bev Hayman from the Co-operative Bank said: "We are also continuing to support Trussell Trust by giving every colleague two volunteer days a year to help local charities. This year we have pledged to help Skelmersdale Food Bank with two colleagues every Thursday for the whole of 2019 starting in February.

"This will mean 100 colleagues can support our local Food Bank from the Skelmersdale site in Delf House."

Volunteers and guests at the reopening of Skelmersdale Pulse

Mental health facility extends opening to six days a week

A NON-PROFIT organisation which offers a safe place for adults who need support when experiencing mental health issues has reopened following refurbishment with extended opening hours.

PULSE, based at Unit 73 at the Concourse shopping centre had a grand reopening on Wednesday, April 24.

The facility is run by a group of volunteers who give up their time and skills to help the local community.

Marji Ridgley manager at PULSE said: "Our mental health facilitators have received intensive training and we always offer a warm and caring welcome to anyone needing support.

"We know that one in four people will experience mental health problems at some stage in their lives and thanks to a grant from the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group we are now able to extend our opening hours and make our services and support available six days a week."

It is hoped to extend to seven days a week in the near future.

"Support is available Monday to Saturday with the 'Three Little Birds' drop-in service still running on a Thursday.

"It is envisaged that PULSE will compliment local statutory mental health services and provide support to anyone who feels the need to talk or get some advice and support.

"PULSE has a timetable of activities that we hope will appeal to many people and will continue to expand in the future. In addition, we also provide telephone support if people find it difficult to attend in person. "

Anyone requiring more information can contact PULSE on 01695 556630 by email at pulseskem@hotmail.com or by visiting their Facebook page (SkelmersdalePULSE) or Twitter page (Skem PULSE).

Man suffers serious facial injuries after fall

A MAN suffered serious facial injuries after falling - believed to be on a tree branch - at 4.08pm on Friday, April 26 in Digmoor Road, Skelmersdale.

The man was taken by ambulance to Aintree Hospital, while the Air Ambulance was also called to the incident.

The North West Air Ambulance pictured at the scene of the incident in Digmoor Road.

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Scheme to protect children at risk from domestic abuse rolled out across county

Report by **Henry James**

A SCHEME to protect children who may be at risk from domestic abuse has been rolled out across the county.

Operation Encompass will create a partnership between Lancashire Police and the county's schools to provide ongoing support for any child who may have witnessed or been a victim of a domestic incident.

It means that when police attend an incident of this nature at an address where a child or children live - even if the children weren't present at the time - key information about it will be shared in the strictest confidence with a designated member of staff at their school. This is in addition to any other action taken as part of a police investigation.

The school will then be able to provide the children or young person with appropriate, ongoing support, to complement existing safeguarding measures.

Detective Superintendent Joanne McHugh, who is co-ordinating the initiative for Lancashire Police, said: "We know that there are damaging long-term effects for children who live in homes where domestic abuse takes place. They are often the 'hidden' victims and their voices don't always get heard.

"We also know that the police are generally not called after one domestic abuse incident/ In fact, statistics show on average we aren't made aware until several incidents have already taken place, many of which may have been witnessed by children. This is why it is imperative that we seize every opportunity to make sure those children are offered the necessary support.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

"At Lancashire Police our primary aim is to keep our residents safe and feeling safe, and we hope this shows our commitment to doing just that. Operation Encompass is a very simple but very effective scheme which will help safeguard some of the most vulnerable people in our communities."

Encompass is a national charitable initiative and has already been rolled out in several other areas of the UK. A pilot scheme is being rolled out in some areas of Lancashire and the operation will go forcewide from Tuesday, May 7.

As a result, it will become standard procedure, when dealing with a domestic abuse incident that could involve children, for an alert to be sent to their school immediately. The school will then be able to put its own measures into place as soon as the child or children next attend.

Support

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw said: "We know that over 90% of domestic violence incidents are witnessed by children so I am really pleased to see Operation Encompass rolled out across Lancashire.

"To support schools in dealing with the alerts they will receive, I have commissioned a set of resources to help support students that have witnessed or experienced domestic abuse.

"This will allow schools to provide immediate support to students to help them cope with their experiences.

"Young people who require further emotional support can be referred to Nest Lancashire, the service I set up to support anyone under 18 who has experienced or witnessed any type of crime including domestic abuse. Making sure that our young people receive help and support at the earliest opportunity is so important. No child should have to deal with emotional trauma by themselves and Operation Encompass will make sure that we don't miss an opportunity to provide the help they might need."

Friendship group's 'come and join us' call to people who have lost a partner

OFFICIALS of a local friendship group are inviting people who have lost a partner to join them for a chance to make new pals who can offer support.

Judith Catton, events organiser for the Ormskirk and Southport district branch of the Oddfellows, said: "Wanting time alone or to stay in is only natural following the loss of a partner. The time it takes to feel ready to step out and meet people again is a very personal thing - it can be a matter of weeks for some or possibly years for others.

"Our advice is always to take it one step at a time and to do it when it feels right. But when the time does feel right to join in again, our group believe that we can make those daunting first steps a little easier to take.

"When you've lost someone it can be hard to muster up the courage to join in and meet new people again. We understand how daunting it can be as you probably did a lot of things as a couple. Sustaining friendships can seem hard after a loss, but over time the people around you will be a crucial part of helping you to cope moving forward.

"There are so many wonderful things to get involved with locally. We'd recommend coming along to one of our informal coffee mornings in Ormskirk, Southport or Formby as they are a great first event for those who would like to meet new people.

"We've see many supportive friendships form within our group, especially between other widows and widowers because they just know what each other is going through."

To talk to Judith, call 01704 545279 or for more information, visit oddfellows.co.uk/firststeps.

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Local community members invited to Friends of Tawd Valley Group AGM

THE Friends of the Tawd Valley Group will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, May 16 starting at 7pm in the lounge at the Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale.

All members of the group and interested members of the local community are welcome to attend.

After the normal business of the AGM, there will be an opportunity to learn about recent developments and future plans for community involvement in the Tawd Valley Park.

Much work has already been done in the park, including new pathways and a community orchard, while future projects could include heritage trails, guided walks, a community garden and projects for junior members of the community.

A spokesperson for the Friends said: "Come and join us on May 16 and get involved in making the Tawd Valley Park an even better place for the people of Skelmersdale."

Resident kicks up a stink about missing dog waste bin

...but council says vandals may be to blame

AN angry resident claims that the removal of a dog waste bin in Egerton is leading to an increase in people dumping filled dog poop bags in the Tanhouse area.

Champion reader Jeanette O'Neill says she has asked West Lancs Council why they have removed the bin which used to be sited on the pathway that runs adjacent to the dual carriageway past Hillside school towards Tawd Road.

However the authority has denied removing the bin and believes it may have been taken by vandals.

Jeanette said: "This is a busy route for dog walkers but the responsible owners who pick up their dog's poop are now leaving the filled bags either hung on or at the bottom of the pole where the bin used to be.

"I have advised the council of this on four occasions since February 12 but other than acknowledging receipt of my email they haven't had the courtesy to respond.

"I am fully aware that the council feel that Skelmersdale is just the poor relation in this borough, but seeing as they've had the barefaced cheek to increase our council tax by almost 5% the least they can do is provide the basic service of dog waste bins."

A spokesman for the borough council responded: "West Lancashire Borough Council didn't remove the dog waste bin. It is unclear what has happened to it but there has been occasions where dog waste bins have been removed by vandals and that may be the case in this instance.

Egerton in Skelmersdale

"We apologise to the customer for a lack of response to their enquiry and we will look to position a bin at this site as soon as possible which people can use to dispose of both litter and dog fouling.

"The council employs officers whose role includes dealing with dog fouling offences. These officers regularly issue fixed penalty notices for £75 when they observe owners not clearing up after their dogs."

The spokesman also pointed out that the increase in the council tax bill was not all down to the borough council.

He said: "West Lancashire Borough Council increased its council tax for 2019/20 by 2.99% on the previous year. This equates to a rise of £5.90 for the whole year for the government-designated average B and D property. Most properties in West Lancashire are in Band A and B, so the rise for those homes in monetary terms would be less than the £5.90 figure.

"The total council tax includes charges from Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Constabulary, with these charges included council tax as a whole increased by 4.81%."

Haydn Pulford in his Team GB top.

Men-Aces keeper captains Team GB

SKEM Men-Aces goalkeeper Haydn Pulford has been honoured by being made captain of the Team GB squad during a recent get-together.

The popular shot-stopper was selected from among hundreds of hopefuls for the national squad to prepare for the Euro championships to be held in Geneva in June. As preparation for the tournament the 15-man party met up in Wales last weekend where, after a briefing they were put through a full training programme and then presented with their new Team GB kits.

Over the weekend they played two games, beating Bridgend 1-0 and a big Swansea side 2-1.

Men-Aces boss, Carl Eaton, said: "Haydn talked all the way home, about the whole experience and cannot wait until he sees the squad once again on the way to Geneva in June for the Euros.

"The whole weekend went really well, the lads really gelled well together. It's a wonderful opportunity and a well-deserved one for Haydn.

"He has started a scrapbook of his adventures and experiences and has thanked the Men-Aces for the opportunity. Haydn is a well respected member of the club and is doing a fine job representing us within the national squad."

Takeaway driver stabbed in attempted robbery

A TAKEAWAY driver was stabbed during an attempted robbery in Skelmersdale.

Police were called at about 9.20pm on Friday, April 19 to reports that a driver had been approached by three men in Firbeck after making a delivery.

One of the offenders, who was brandishing a knife, made demands for money.

The victim, a man in his 50s, received a minor cut to his abdomen after having the knife thrust at him but managed to fend off the offenders and they ran off empty-handed in the direction of a nearby building site.

'Terrifying'

The would-be robbers are all described as being white males dressed in dark clothing and had their faces covered.

DC Michael Mason of Skelmersdale Police said: "This has been a terrifying situation for the delivery man who was simply doing his job. Luckily he wasn't seriously hurt, but this could have been much worse.

"We are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident to come forward and speak to us as soon as possible."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting log number 1646 of April 19.

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Medics seek sponsors for Peaks Challenge in aid of Queenscourt

A TEAM of West Lancs-based health workers preparing to climb the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales respectively in just 24 hours with a gruelling training schedule, are hoping their efforts will inspire more people to sponsor them in aid of a worthy cause.

The medics from the independent Renacres Hospital in Halsall will tackle the daunting Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday, May 18 to raise money for Queenscourt Hospice.

The hospital is providing transport and fuel and administrative worker Jo Herring will do all the driving, but although they have received some pledges of sponsorship they are still short of their target figure.

One of the team, charge nurse, Alex Birch, said: "We have all been training incredibly hard to prepare, with hours on inclined treadmills and stepper machines, as well as walks in all weathers to acclimatise to the conditions we could potentially face on the mountains, and all while working around our full-time jobs.

"Recently members of the team climbed Snowdon and Scafell Pike in preparation for the challenge to suss out which tracks we will use to ascend and descend the mountains quickest.

Team members Alex Birch, Helen Price, Maggie Marshall, Jo Herring and Jim Hammond pictured with Kate Tipton-Thomas (2nd right) from Queenscourt Hospice.

"We are all very grateful for the donations which we have already received but we still have a long way to go to meet our target of £1,600.

"Queenscourt Hospice supports a range of people and their families during end-of-life care in an environment which relies on charitable donations to operate. Our team at Renacres are all very passionate about the service and hope that everyone will consider giving, even if it is just a few pounds, to support a service which we all may require to access at one point or another."

Taking part in the challenge along with Alex are operating department practitioner Helen Price, mental health nurse Maggie Marshall, anaesthetists Dr Jim Hammond and Dr Adrian Head-Rapson, and orthopaedic surgeon Matt Cartwright Terry.

The challenge will see them bidding to climb more than 11,000 feet in a day starting with Ben Nevis in Scotland (4,413ft) and going on to Scafell Pike in England (3,210ft) and Snowdon in Wales (3,560 ft).

Anyone wishing to donate to the challenge can do so at https://uk.virgin moneygiving.com/AlexBirc. Alternatively contact Alex Birch at Renacres Hospital on 01704 842011, or give donations direct to Queenscourt Hospice in an envelope marked FAO Alex Birch Three Peaks Challenge.

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Artz Centre receives national recognition

Town's creative hub awarded Artsmark Partner status

Report by **Henry James**

THE town's Artz Centre has been awarded Artsmark Partner status by Arts Council England.

Since opening in 2014, the creative hub based in Birch Green, has worked to provide young people and adults with a variety of high-quality, performing arts-focused opportunities and this hard work is beginning to be recognised nationwide.

The Artsmark quality mark is awarded to organisations which enable young people to access high-quality arts and cultural education, while Artsmark Partner status is offered to those organisations that have a further track record of building excellent relationships with local schools and supporting their creative provision, too.

Artz Centre director Mark Ashton (2nd left) and members of the Artz Team Joe Howard, Claire McEvoy and Mike Ashton.

'Exciting'

The goal of Arts Council England is to "provide every child and young person with opportunities to experience the richness of the arts" and the team at the Artz Centre are "very proud" to have been recognised among this year's endorsed network of Artsmark partners by supporting local educational settings with embedding arts and culture across the curriculum.

Over the past five years, alongside the busy weekly timetable of classes and events for young people and adults at the centre itself, the Artz Team deliver regular workshops, classes and courses within local primary schools, high schools and SEN school settings.

With the addition of Artsmark Partner status, they are now equipped to aid local educational settings on their own Artsmark journeys.

Claire McEvoy, a co-ordinator at the Artz Centre, commented: "Receiving the Artsmark and Artsmark Partner status is really exciting news for the Artz Centre, and this accolade definitely reflects the centre's long-standing commitment to benefiting the local community.

"We cannot wait to see how this role for the centre will develop over the coming months; especially given the positive relationships we have already established with our local schools by supporting their creative provision."

Public consultation on proposed changes to welfare rights service

LANCASHIRE County Council is inviting residents and organisations to share their views about proposed changes to its welfare rights service.

Providing advice and assistance on all welfare benefit issues, the service currently supports around 6,000 people each year, focusing on those with long-term health issues or a terminal illness and those in work who have a low income.

The proposal is to reduce access to the provision of welfare benefit advice and guidance services. Instead the service would focus on advising and assisting in legal challenges against benefit decisions, including representation at appeal tribunals.

If approved, it is anticipated that people with lower level needs will be able to access other existing advice and support services in local communities and online, such as those provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau and Gov.uk.

A spokesperson for the authority said: "This is a chance for people who use the service, organisations that work with us and the public to share their views. No decision has yet been made and it's really important that people contact us to give their views.

"Cabinet will make its decision later this year, after it has considered the results from this consultation."

People have until Sunday, June 9 to make their views known. To take part in the consultation online, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay. Anyone requiring a written questionnaire can email their details to phadmin@lancashire.gov.uk.

Party time at the Concourse...

THE Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale teamed up with Wish FM to host a special Mad Hatters Tea Party on Easter Saturday.

Customers were invited to dress as their favourite characters from Alice In Wonderland for the event held upstairs in the East Square, near Wilko and Thomas Cook.

Meanwhile 'Alice' and the 'Mad Hatter' toured the centre meeting shoppers between 11am and 1pm and encouraging them to join in the fun.

And one lucky visitor also won a trip, including travel, to Cadbury World, simply by having their photo taken by the Wish FM street team during the event.

Visitors to the Mad Hatters Tea Party at the Concourse pictured with 'Alice' and the 'Mad Hatter' himself.

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Where you can access health treatment services over the Bank Holiday

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has issued details of what health services are available on the upcoming May Bank Holiday Monday.

On Monday May 6, you can see a GP through the Extended Access programme at Sandy Lane Health Centre, Skelmersdale (from 9am to noon; Burscough Health Centre (from 10am to 1pm); and Ormskirk Medical Centre (from10am to 1pm).

This is a pre-booked service. To book an appointment to see a GP at the above clinics simply call your GP practice as normal.

GP Out of Hours Service

You can see a GP with the out-of-hours service. Just call 111 and you can speak to a local GP over the phone or face-to-face if necessary.

Walk-in centres

West Lancashire has two walk-in centres for minor injuries and minor ailments.

The West Lancashire Urgent Care Centre, based at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road, and the Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre at the Concourse are both open seven days a week, from 8am to 8pm, including the Bank Holiday Monday.

To access help, visit the respective centre and speak to the receptionist. Patients can book on-the-day appointments at the Ormskirk centre by calling NHS 111.

Pharmacy Services

Your local pharmacy can offer free, confidential and expert advice on a range of health issues.

Several pharmacies will be open on the Bank Holiday Monday. Details of which are open are available on the CCG website, or visit their Twitter and Facebook pages for on the day updates.

Pharmacies are also open on Bank Holiday Monday at Morrisons Supermarket, Ormskirk (10am to 4pm) and the Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale, (9am to 6pm).

NHS.UK at www.nhs.uk

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Free 'have-a-go' session for would-be archers

FOLLOWING on from the success of previous events, a local sporting club are organising another free 'have-a-go' session in an effort to recruit new members.

The Burscough Archers will host the session from 1 to 4pm on Saturday, May 18 to coincide the Archery GB Big Weekend, a national event, which is said to have introduced thousands of people to the sport.

It will be held at the club's range at Asmall House Livery Stables, Asmall Lane, Ormskirk, all equipment will be provided and all ages will be welcome with the club declaring: "If you're strong enough to hold a bow, you're old enough to have-a-go!"

The session will be delivered under the close supervision of nationally-qualified coaches.

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Veterans to hold artefacts display at supermarket

THE Skelmersdale Veterans' Association (SVA) will be holding a collection and a display of their artefacts at the Asda supermarket in Northway on Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4.

They are inviting local residents - and children - to go along and view the display which will feature memorabilia from both World Wars, as well as more recent conflicts and range of different uniforms.

The group have also issued a reminder that they are available for visits to local primary school and care homes. For more information contact Alan Lewis on 07939-660048.

A number of other displays are planned in conjunction with Skelmersdale Action For Youth and Skelmersdale library.

The first Silent Soldiers display will be staged from May 27 to June 30 with figures on show at St Paul's Church, St Richard's Church and Woodland Community Primary School.

Meanwhile the group are keen to invite more over-50s to take part in their walking football sessions which are held at the Evermoor Hub every Wednesday evening from 5 to 7pm under the supervision of Ian Gaskell from Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

'Ninja Warrior' star puts pupils through their paces

PUPILS and staff at a Skelmersdale primary school became Ninja Warriors for a day when they played host to one of the stars of the TV physical obstacle assault course game show.

Crow Orchard Primary in School Lane arranged for a visit from Jonny Urszuly, the winner as 'The Last Man Standing' in the 2017 edition of the programme, *Ninja Warrior UK*.

The personal trainer from Maghull, accompanied by local teacher Wendy Jagger, who also featured on the programme, started the day with an assembly looking at following your dreams and trying to be the best you could possibly be.

Jonny then went on to wow pupils by walking on his hands across an obstacle course in front of the entire school!

Later a special course was set up with pupils - and some of the more adventurous staff! - tackling a variety of activities.

Headteacher, Ann Hedges, said: "At Crow Orchard we like to do things which are really different and that the children will remember for a very long time.

"On the day the school was filled with laughter and screaming and everybody had an absolutely fantastic time.

"We believe passionately at our school that we provide our children with experiences like this so that their school days can be remembered as happy days."

'Ninja Warrior' star Jonny Urszuly and Wendy Jagger with some excited pupils at Crow Orchard Primary.

Brogan set to defend belt on live TV bill

SKELMERSDALE boxer Steve 'Serious' Brogan is set to return to the ring on Saturday, May 25 at the Victoria Warehouse in Manchester when he is scheduled to defend his Central Area super lightweight belt on a bill topped by former WBO world heavyweight title contender Hughie Fury.

The card, promoted by Hennessy Sports, is due to be shown live on Channel 5, and 35-year-old Brogan is hoping an impressive showing and national exposure will help him to further his ambitions.

Although his opponent is yet to be confirmed, one name mentioned is Manchester-born Adam 'Hitman' Hague. The 25-year-old, now based in Glossop, Derbyshire, has a similar record to Brogan with 14 wins and just one defeat and a draw to date.

Competitive

Whoever he faces though the Skem fighter says he is in tip-top condition and raring to go as he seeks to notch a 15th win in his 18th contest in the pro ranks (two draws and one loss).

And, despite the programme being set to feature on terrestrial television, he is hoping local fight fans will make the short journey to Manchester to cheer him on on the night.

He says: "I believe tickets are good value at £70 ringside and £40 standard for what promises to be a competitive card and hopefully some supporters will come along on the night."

Anyone wishing to buy tickets can contact Steve Brogan on 07984 952603 or by email at brogan1984@hotmail.co.uk.

Skem boxer Steve Brogan who is scheduled to return to action on May 25 on a card to be televised by Channel 5.

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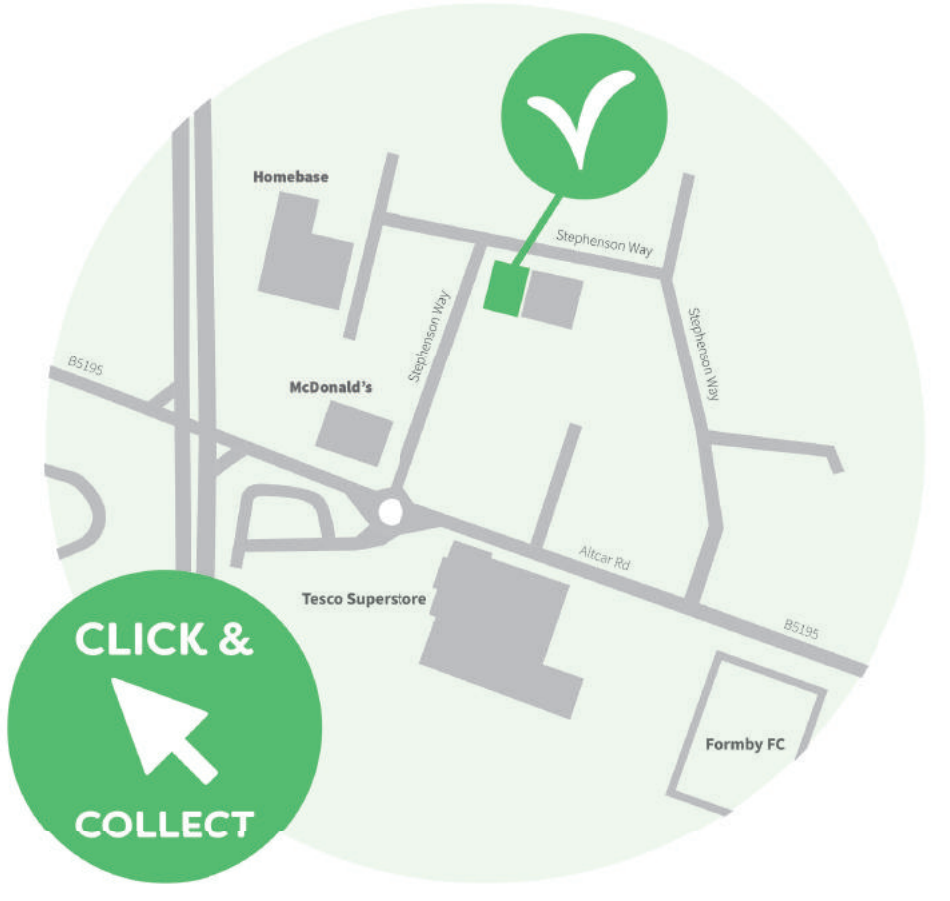

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Watchdogs issue 'scams' warning!

Householders urged to beware after reports of pushy door-to-door sellers and bogus callers

LANCASHIRE County Council's trading standards team is warning residents to beware of a number of possible scams operating in the county following several reports of suspicious activity in recent weeks.

Trading standards officers advise residents never to agree to work by cold-callers without doing their research.

Door-to-door fish sellers using high-pressure tactics have been reported. In some cases, the fish has been partially defrosted with people unsure whether it's safe, while some have complained of being pressured into buying more than they required - sometimes being urged to spend more than £200.

In the Ribble Valley area callers selling dusters door-to-door have been accused of using 'pushy' tactics to get people to buy their goods. Although not illegal, trading standards recommend people not to buy goods in this way.

Meanwhile a woman in Accrington was targeted by a scam caller pretending to be from the Ministry of Justice. Addressing her by name, the caller claimed that the woman's husband had overpaid on their mortgage and they were entitled to a £3,000 refund cheque which would be forwarded if she sent her bank details and a £150 fee.

And in Fylde there have been reports of people receiving a letter from someone claiming to be a cash buyer interested in purchasing their property. Householders are advised to be cautious as there have been cases where people have been conned with low prices offered and hidden fees.

There have also been reports of bogus roofers operating across the county overcharging for straightforward work or offering to carry out repairs that are not needed.

Head of Lancashire County Council's Trading Standards Service, Paul Noone, said: "We've had several alerts relating to door-to-door sellers. These include traders using pushy sales tactics, or recommending work that just isn't needed.

"You should never agree to work offered by cold-calling traders on your doorstep, and always do your research before buying goods and services. Our Safe Trader scheme is a great way to find local traders to do work around your home.

"We've also received reports of a telephone scam and a possible letter scam. Again, people shouldn't agree to anything without doing research and should never give their bank details to anyone who approaches them.

"For further help and advice contact trading standards who will be happy to help."

To find a trader in your area visit http://safetrader.org.uk www.safetrader.org.uk or call 0303 333 1111. The trading standards team can be contacted via the Citizen's Advice helpline, 03454 04 05 06. Possible scams can be reported to Action Fraud by visiting https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/ or calling 0300 123 2040.

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Borough's ambitious young people urged to apply for future leaders programme

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper is urging young people in West Lancashire with ambition and ideas to make the world a better place to apply for a programme aimed at linking emerging leaders from around the world.

Run by the British Council, the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities, Future Leaders Connect is open to all young people aged 18 to 35. It will see 10 representatives from the UK team up with 40 emerging policy leaders from 11 other countries.

But anyone interested in bidding for a place needs to do so quickly - the deadline for application is Monday, May 6.

The West Lancs MP said: "This is an invaluable opportunity for a motivated young person to meet similar high-achievers from around the world who are all united by their desire to make things better in their societies and beyond.

"It's open to anybody who has an idea they think could make the world a better place - and it will give them the practical skills and networks to help pursue it."

Applicants will be asked what their unique policy ideas are and why they have what it takes to be a global leader and applications must be submitted online at www.britishcouncil.org/future-leaders-connect by Monday, may 6.

Successful applicants will join finalists from 11 other countries, including the USA, Canada, and India, for a 10-day programme in November which will include training in public speaking, policy development expertise and leadership skills. This will culminate with several meetings in Parliament with MPs and law-makers.

Rosie Cooper wants local 18 to 35-year-olds to take advantage of an "invaluable opportunity."

Chief executive of the British Council, Ciarán Devane, said: "The participants learn so much from the programme itself, but in addition they learn from each other and about the lives of people in other countries. It's a fantastic collective experience that encourages future leaders to have a global outlook to the challenges they face."

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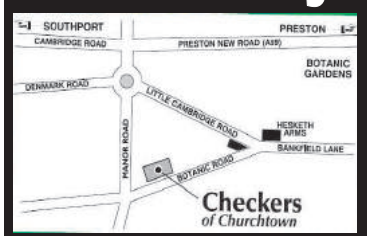

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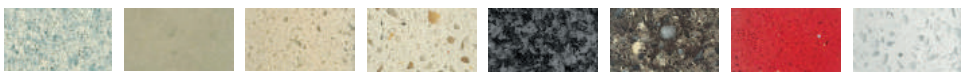

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Members of gang who stole luxury cars while owners slept are jailed

FOUR members of a gang who stole high-performance cars in a series of burglaries across Lancashire - including Ormskirk - often while owners were asleep, have been jailed.

During April and May 2017 a series of burglaries in the Chorley area targeted houses with high-value, high-performance vehicles parked outside.

The raiders entered during the early hours of the morning, usually via unlocked doors, stealing the car keys and driving away with the vehicles.

Investigations revealed a similar pattern of linked night-time burglaries had occurred in other areas of the county, including Ormskirk, Blackburn and Blackpool, along with a number of similar crimes in the Bolton and Egerton areas of Greater Manchester.

In total the gang are believed to have been responsible for 42 domestic burglaries during which 60 vehicles were stolen.

Operation Laundry was set up in the summer of 2017 to track down the offenders.

The gang would identify housing estates in semi-rural areas walking along the street approaching front doors to the addresses. When finding one insecure they would enter and commit the offences.

They were caught on CCTV footage from a number of locations and on occasions individuals were identified although they tried to conceal their identities using hoodies and other clothing pulled up over their faces.

Most of the vehicles were recovered as they contained tracking and GPS devices but a number have never been returned along with other items of property stolen including expensive bicycles, laptops and other personal items.

Seven members of the gang were sentenced at Preston Crown Court on Tuesday, April 23.

Philip Sharrock and Joshua Penney, both 22 from Chorley, were sentenced to seven years and six months in jail; and Dylan Quayle, 19, from Chorley was given five years and 10 months - all for conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to burgle.

One of the high-performance cars stolen by the gang.

Jason Booth, 23, also from Chorley was sentenced to four years and six months (reduced to two years and 10 months with time served) for conspiracy to steal.

Luke Ricardo, 19, from Atherton received a two-year community order for the same offence and Ryan McCarrick, 20, from Horwich, was sentenced to 15 months detention in a young offenders institution suspended for two years.

A 17-year-old from Chorley received a two-year rehabilitation order.

Sergeant Mike Riley, of Lancashire Police, said "This was a sophisticated and well-organised criminal operation targeting high-value and high-performance cars with many homes being violated while the occupants were asleep in bed at the time.

"I welcome today's sentences which reflect the both the gravity and scale of the offending."

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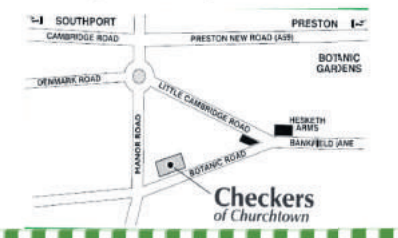

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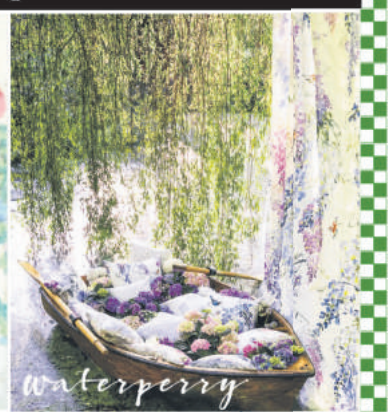

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Columns rekindled fond memories of days out to New Brighton on the ferry

I HAVE been following Jim Sharpe's recent articles relating to his early experiences visiting New Brighton. It has brought back many fond memories for me also of when my mother used to take me when I was around six or seven, many-many years ago.

Back then, it was an epic journey, but a very enjoyable one, travelling from Cherry Lane in Liverpool on the 17D bus to the Pier Head, running at break-neck speed down the ferry ramp if the tide was out (sometime with the odd knee-scrape if the legs didn't keep up) then either the ferry direct to New Brighton or the ferry to Wallasey, whichever came first.

The walk along the prom from Wallasey to New Brighton was all part of the 'day out' with the added excitement of running to the terminal if we saw the ferry sailing across the Mersey on the way back.

Jim's articles prompted me this bank holiday to take a walk down memory lane. My wife joined me and she too had many happy memories of sailing 'across the water.'

Neither of us had been past Fort Perch Rock in many years, (having driven directly from the tunnel to the seaward end of New Brighton) and oh, what a dramatic change we found as we passed the former (now non-existent) pier.

Where there was once a huge fairground was now a hillside park, with what appears to be housing at the summit.

Where I used to clamber on the sandstone wall and cling on to the iron railings to watch the small-gauge steam engine, is now just open land, although the wall is still there.

I could just about make out where the train used to come out towards the railings from the lefthand side then travel along the railings before disappearing back into the fairground and I recall asking my mother on numerous occasions if I could watch it 'just one more time' before we went home.

Incidentally, I must have been really small at that age, as the sandstone wall is barely 2ft tall, and still shows signs of the iron railings embedded in the capping stones.

With regard to the 'hide and stay on', a few years later my friends and I used to do exactly the same. We would watch through the cabin window for the sailor to come around the bow section, then quietly nip through the centre section and hide.

We were spotted by a senior crew member (wearing white-topped peaked hat) who watched us from the flying bridge upstairs.

We thought the game was up, and we would get chucked off but he just gave us a big beaming smile, and gestured for us to get inside quickly - what a guy!

Although there were a quite a few people about during our visit over the Easter holiday, (some we spoke to were from the Midlands) I'm sure the demise of the direct ferry link had a huge detrimental effect on the area as a holiday resort, but as usual it all come down to how many pennies are in the council coffers and how much they are willing to spend at the time.

Many thanks for re-lighting so many fond memories and we look forward to enjoying Jim's column in further issues in the future for a long time to come.

Roy and Dot Lambert, Skelmersdale.

Good Samaritans have restored my faith in human nature and the younger generation

I WOULD just like to say a massive thank-you to the occupants of the four cars that stopped at the corner of Bankfield and Digmoor Road, Skelmersdale, on Thursday, April 18 when my little scooter didn't quite make it on to the pavement.

The kerb edging had too much of a steep gradient and I ended up in the road with my scooter on my legs.

One of the young men lifted me up off the ground (bless him, hope he hasn't strained himself with my weight!).

The other two gentlemen made sure I was OK, picked my scooter and my shopping up and offered me a lift home.

Thank-you sirs, whoever you all are, for showing sincere compassion. You have restored my faith, not only in human nature, but in the younger generation to myself.

Also, thank-you to the lady and gent for stopping, offering to help and to take my shopping home. Bless you all.

I'd like for them all to know how much I sincerely appreciate their help.

My elbow came off the worst. Thank goodness I had a thick cardigan and a fleece on or it could of been so much worse.

Thank-you all.

Grateful OAP,
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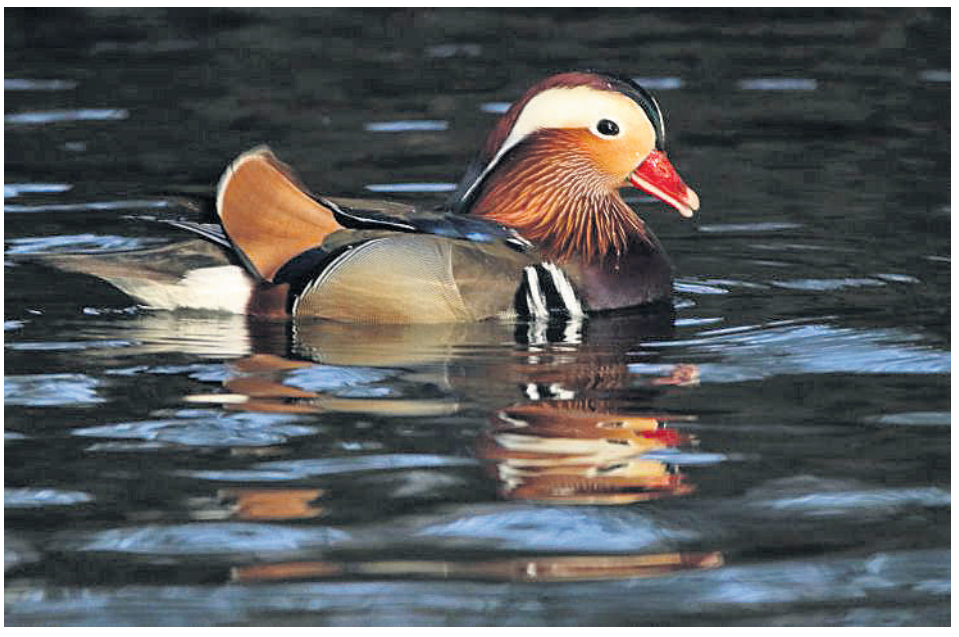
PICTURE of the week



READER Charlie Lowe submitted this photo of a mandarin duck in Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

Although, as their name implies, the species is native to the Far East, mandarins were introduced to the UK with feral colonies established as a result of escapes from collections.

Charlie says that according to the RSPB website most of their population is located in southern England so he reckons it was a surprise to see one in the middle of Ormskirk!

To submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, simply email it to editorial@champnews.com. And don't forget to include your name, the area you live in and brief caption details.

There is another side to nursing home story ...

ALTHOUGH I cannot disagree with anything reported in your recent article on the Silver Birch care home, it only reports on the one issue and I feel the wider scenario should be mentioned.

My wife has been a patient/guest for some 18 months at Silver Birch and was very upset at having to leave there.

I must report that she was given excellent nursing care by dedicated staff, and excellent food, and these facts should be recorded apart from the issues raised by the CQC which caused the closure.

By email, details supplied.

How can our so-called 'public servants' look at themselves in the mirror?

RECENTLY I was taking my grandkids into McDonald's when one of the toddlers tripped over in a huge pothole in the road.

As he screamed the place down it occurred to me that I pay my taxes, I pay my council tax and I pay road tax, yet most of the roads in Skelmersdale are so full of potholes and temporary repairs they are almost impossible to drive down and, in my view, constitute a real danger.

I often visit Third World countries and their roads are perfect. What the hell is happening with the money I contribute?

Our roads are like the surface of the moon; the NHS is on its knees and being privatised by stealth; there are practically no police; the education system is failing; and we are all paying top dollar to be ripped off.

How can our councillors, politicians and other so-called servants of the people, look at themselves in the mirror?

Garry Morgan, by email.

More action is needed to help protect private renters from unfair evictions

I WAS shocked to hear that right now, most private renters are on short-term contracts of six months or a year and can be evicted once that term has ended without the landlord having to give a reason.

Private renters' group, Generation Rent, found that just one in every 20 renters who complains to their local council about poor conditions gets protection from a revenge eviction.

This is woefully inadequate.

I want to know, as the amount of private renters rise, what are our local councils doing about it?

Further information about the 'End Unfair Evictions' campaign is available at: www.end unfairevictions.org

For more information on unfair convictions readers can contact Dan Wilson Craw on 07753 369 555 or at danwilsoncraw@generationrent.org.

Pat Schultz, Southport.

Government's transport policy is pro-motorists

IT is a disgrace that a green square off Whalley Drive has been converted to a car park. In fact, all over the country green spaces are been looked at by the Department of Transport as potential new roads.

This Government should be called motorist government as every policy on transport is aimed at accommodating the motor car. Fuel duty has been reduced whilst the cost of public transport increased by over 30% because the Government has reduced grants for public transport. The Government line is that the taxpayer should not be expected to pay for rail users but they seem happy for the public to lose out with decreasing tax from fuel duty

They seem hypnotised by electric cars but the fact is they are still cars requiring environmentally-destructive roads and parking on pavements.

Unless road charging is introduced electric cars will be using roads free.

J. M. Berry, Aughton.

Continental-style traffic light system could help cut speeding on our roads too

ON the Continent, and particularly in Spain, they have a system designed to thwart speeding motorists. It is quite simple.

In the villages I have passed through they employ a traffic light. It is not at a junction, being sited where it is most likely a motorist will speed up.

If they do so, it turns red and stays that way for some time. After a sufficient cooling-off period, it returns to green.

It is very very effective and I understand that it is being employed in certain parts in the south of the UK, so why not on Long Lane in Aughton?

I have heard of suggestions of marking all of Long Lane with yellow no-waiting bands, speed humps, and heaven knows what else.

This is better than any of them and with a solar panel for power - and maybe a camera - eureka!

Safety Concerned, Aughton

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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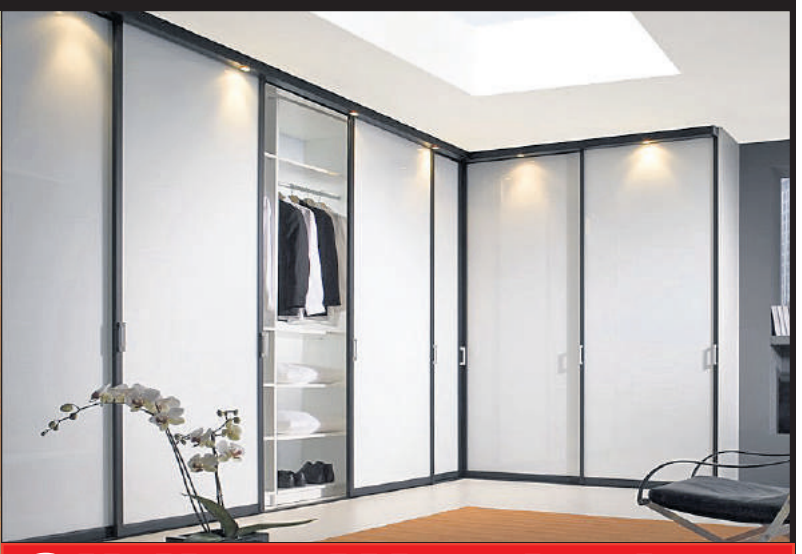

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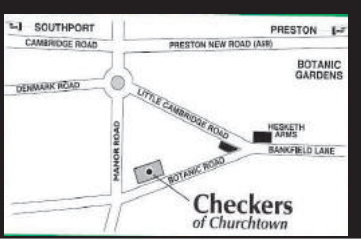

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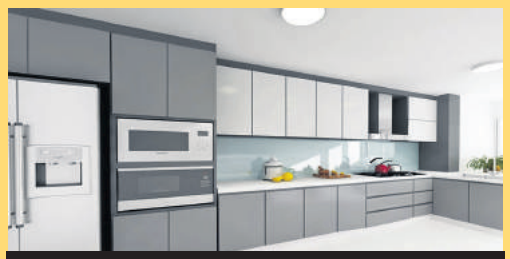

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Young orienteers on course for county games finals

A TEAM of youngsters from St John's CE Primary School, Burscough are on course for this year's SPAR Lancashire School Games finals after winning the West Lancs district event in orienteering.

Head teacher Karen Cartwright said: "Our team were extremely speedy in completing the course and we are thrilled they returned to school with gold medals."

This year's finals day will be held in Stanley Park, Blackpool on Tuesday, July 2 when qualifying youngsters from all over Lancashire will compete in 28 different sports and activities.

THE winning St John's team - Eva Styles, Joe Wainwright, Dylan Ainscough, Ailish Thain, Jessica Galbraith and Ollie Bevan.

The winning entrants in the Design a Book Cover competition pictured with Mayor of West Lancs, Cllr. Noel Delaney.

Talented designers have got it covered!

LOCAL schoolchildren and a student and staff from Edge Hill were among the award-winners in a competition organised by West Lancs Council's arts development service in partnership with the university.

The Design a Book Cover competition, held to coincide with the Association of Illustrators World Illustration Awards exhibition held recently at Ormskirk's Chapel Gallery, attracted more than 100 entries from throughout the area .

Overall winner was 13-year-old Sophie Eastham from Maghull for her cover design for children's classic, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.* She won £100 and a signed copy of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine,* the winner of the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award.

The three runners up, who also received a signed copy of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*, were Edge Hill staff member Helen Hughes for her cover for *Memoirs Of A Geisha;* student Naomi Hughes, for her design for *Harry Potter Prisoner of Azkaban*, and 12-year-old Evie Jackson of St Bedes RC High School, Ormskirk, for her design for *Thug*.

Also commended were eight-year-old Matilda Gaskell and 11-year-old Millie Dixon, both members of Chapel Gallery Art Club; Alice King, 13, of St Bedes RC High School; 16-year-old Adam Jackson from Bishop Rawstorne Academy, Croston; and Edge Hill staff member, Jennie Owens.

Competition judges were impressed with the high quality of submissions and the winners received their awards from the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney at a ceremony at the Chapel Gallery.

All entries have also been included in an exhibition in the gallery café in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, until June 29, which includes a visitors' vote.

The entry that receives the most votes from visitors to the exhibition will win £50 and a signed copy of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine.*

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Chance to buy local artists' work and help animal rescue charity

MEMBERS of the public are once again being offered the opportunity to buy works created by a local art group and help a charity.

The Sefton Art Group will be displaying some of their members' creations at a spring exhibition at Lydiate Parish Hall in Southport Road over the bank holiday weekend, May 4 to 6.

The exhibition will provide visitors with the opportunity to meet and chat to the artists and to buy original paintings and craft work at what are described as "very good" prices.

Part of the proceeds of any sales will go to the Freshfields Animal Rescue and the charity will also have a stand at the exhibition for anyone wanting to find out more about what they do.

With more than 120 members from throughout Sefton and West Lancs, the group holds weekly meetings at venues in Hightown, Southport, Lydiate, and Liverpool.

Members of Sefton Art Group with some of their artwork.

Group leader, Roy Munday, says the exhibition is also an opportunity for other budding artists to talk to members about joining the group. He said: "Many people have the desire to take up art but don't know how to go about it, or feel they aren't good enough. That's why our classes are structured to teach from the very basics, starting with the drawing process.

"Nearly all our present members joined the classes having no art teaching, but full of enthusiasm - and that's all that's required. Now they are exhibiting and selling their work on a regular basis."

The exhibition is open from 10am to 4.30pm each day. Entrance is free, there is plenty of free parking and refreshments are available.

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On the right track! Merseyrail is most punctual train operator in country

MD says latest accolade cements company's place as one of consistently best-performing

Report by **Henry James**

MERSEYRAIL has been named as the most punctual rail operator in the country.

The company, which operates services from Ormskirk to Liverpool, was the most punctual over the 12 months from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019) with 95.51% of trains running punctually - above the national average of 86.3%.

And the results come just months after Merseyrail claimed top spot for regional operational performance at the Golden Whistle Awards for the previous calendar year (January to December 2018).

Organised by the Institute of Railway Operators and *Modern Railways* magazine, the awards recognise excellence in railway operations across the country.

Merseyrail was declared more reliable than its regional train operator counterparts, including Arriva Trains Wales, based on measurement of performance which looks at arrivals at every station en-route, not just a train's destination, over the previous 12 months.

Merseyrail managing director, Andy Heath

Managing director, Andy Heath,said: "This awards win and the release of punctuality results cement the fact that Merseyrail is consistently one of the best-performing rail operators in the country.

"Our passengers are at the heart of everything we do and this is reflected in the results that we have gained despite some challenging conditions over the last 12 months.

"The upcoming development of a new fleet of trains is sure to boost our service even more and ensure a fantastic service for our passengers for years to come."

The past year has seen Merseyrail scoop coveted awards across the industry with a triple success at the National Rail Awards last September.

It became the first operator to win three awards in the same year, scooping Passenger Operator of the Year - the ceremony's flagship award - along with the Sustainable Development Award for commitment to environmental and community initiatives; and the Customer Service Excellence for delivery of the Wirral loop line track renewal project.

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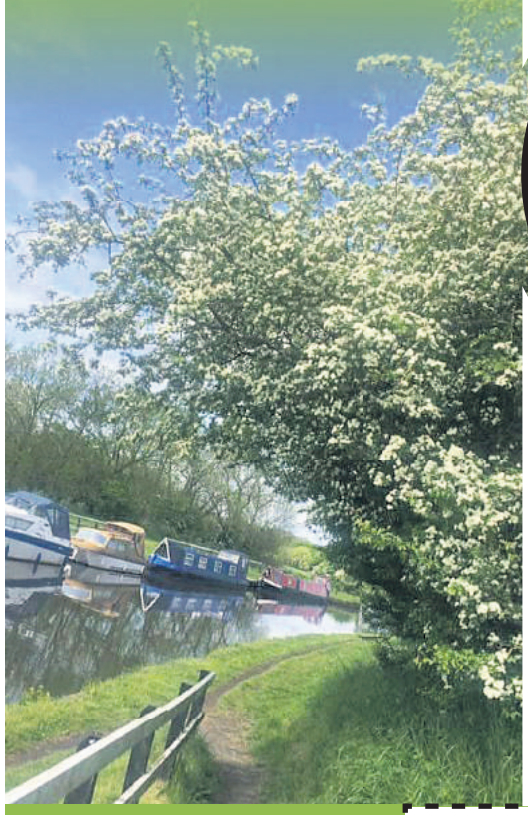

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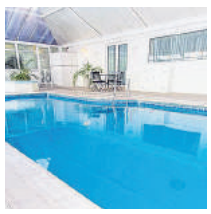

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For a change my holiday went without a hitch - well almost!

ONE MAN and his DOG with JIM SHARPE

THIS is a *Dog* which, had you been 'in the know', you wouldn't have expected to see!

I've just returned from my first visit of the year to the Broads on my motor cruiser, *Manxman* - and as regular readers of this column know, this usually means that for one reason or another (usually not of my doing) my return is more often than not delayed, and despite my best efforts before setting off, one edition of my deathless prose goes missing.

Not this time though. Ever since my brother George died five years ago, my comings and goings to East Anglia have been dependent on the goodwill of Wirral YMCA who, through the good offices of my bro, own *Manxman*'s sister ship, *Mona's Queen*. They have been more than generous by providing me and dogs Tina and Cinders with transport, without which it would have been well-nigh impossible for us to get there with our all our luggage.

Unhappily, this time our journey to the Broads was interrupted by our driver being taken suddenly ill halfway down the M6. I had to summon an ambulance from Keele services and thought that was the end of our travels. Incidentally, though still off work, the gentleman is back home again and I wish him a full and quick recovery.

But I was surprised, and inordinately grateful, when a replacement driver turned up and my arrival was only a couple of hours delayed.

Unfortunately this though was only a foretaste of delays to come. Without going into boring details, *Manxman*' has just been re-painted and re-varnished (and very beautiful she looks too), but somewhere along the line electrical gremlins had set in. Suffice it to say that after three days to-ing and fro-ing from the boatyard that did the work, our holiday eventually began on the understanding that at its conclusion I should deliver her back so an electrician can trace the main power cable and restore lights to the fore end of the vessel and other electric eccentricities that it is presently showing.

Still, with the aid of a good torch to light my way to bed, the rest of the holiday passed more or less as planned, if somewhat curtailed. And even the delay wasn't too serious.

The first few days saw cold and windy weather, complete with one almighty but thankfully short hailstorm. But once properly underway the weather quickly improved and of course over the Easter holiday period and for a couple of days after, it was glorious.

Actually, I had been a tad concerned about being afloat over the Easter weekend but a sage move to the southern rivers (the other side of Great Yarmouth) kept us out of much of the hurly-burly of day trippers, and Bank Holiday Monday provided me with a surprise.

I had assumed everywhere would be crowded and so determined to reach my intended destination for the night early so as more easily to find a berth. But when I got there I almost had the river bank at Reedham to myself.

Chatting to the harbour master, he told me: "Oh, it's always like this. They (boat owners and hirers) come out for three days and they're all on their way home by now." And literally at that moment, as if to emphasise what he was saying, the famous Reedham railway bridge swung open to allow a stream of five or six large 'gin palace' cruisers through, all almost certainly on their way home to their moorings at Brundall nine miles further inland.

Anyway, the cruise went generally very well indeed. Several days of record-breaking weather, many really interesting people to meet and chat to - and of course really interesting dogs for my pair of canines to sniff and do doggy things with.

Now I just live in hope that *Manxman* will be restored to full electrical health very soon - I have a few hundred more holiday miles in mind for her before the end of this boating season!

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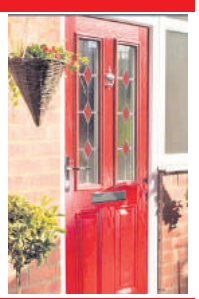
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New website to support people left bereaved by a loved one's suicide

Report by **Henry James**

A WEBSITE has been launched to provide help and support for people in Lancashire and South Cumbria bereaved by a death by suicide.

Acting as a directory of services, resources and information, users are able to filter results by their local area as well as accessing national support.

The initiative has been co-produced with local people who have been bereaved by suicide after many found they were having to trawl websites, make numerous phone calls or were unable to find relevant support services in their area.

The formal processes following a suspected suicide are different from other deaths and can take a long time. Guidance around the practical and emotional elements of this process are often not provided initially or are missing from generic bereavement resources, literature and support groups.

Added to this, the stigma associated with a death by suicide can also prevent those bereaved from accessing support networks and services.

A focus group of local people with lived experience of suicide was formed to understand what would have been helpful to them in the immediate aftermath of a death, as well as ongoing, long-term support.

Together with the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria suicide prevention team, the group designed how the site looks, as well as guiding the layout and content.

Resources

A member of the focus group said: "There may be support out there but you don't have the energy or head space to search for it; it needs to be easy to find and easy to give to other family and friends who might need it."

This initiative forms part of the ongoing work taking place across Lancashire and South Cumbria to prevent suicide and is supported by national funding received as part of the Government's commitment to reduce suicides by 10% by 2021.

The website also offers a directory of services and resources for suicide prevention, designed to be accessed by anyone who is worried about someone or by individuals who themselves feel they are at risk.

Vicki Wagstaff, quality improvement lead for mental health at Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "People who have been bereaved by suicide are at a greater risk of dying by suicide themselves. Ensuring support is easily accessible, appropriate and in one place is crucial to our work in prevention.

"We are encouraging people to share the details of the website with friends and colleagues and on social media to make as many people as possible aware of the help and support available."

Services who are in contact with those bereaved by suicide, such as police, hospitals, GPs, the fire service and schools, will receive information about the website so they are able to share this with anybody in need.

The directory will be maintained and updated as services become available and develop.

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Community events aimed at boosting county council bid to recruit foster carers

LANCASHIRE County Council's fostering services has announced details of a number of community information days aimed at recruiting foster carers .

Over the next few weeks, foster carers and staff from the service will attend the events ready to answer questions, talk people through the process, offer advice and share their own experiences of fostering.

And although none of the immediately forthcoming days are in West Lancs, officials say others will be announced throughout the year, while anyone interested can find out more by calling the recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visiting the websitewww.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

Forthcoming events are:

Saturday, May 18, 10.30am to 2.30pm at Barton Grange Garden Centre, Garstang Road, Barton PR3 0BT.

Friday, May 24, 9am to 5pm at Sainsbury's, Active Way, Burnley BB11 1BS.

Tuesday, May 28, 10am to 3pm at Colne Library, Market Street, Colne BB8 0AP.

Wednesday, May 29, 12.30 to 2.30pm at Guild Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston PR1 1HT.

The county council has increased the allowances payable to new foster carers to between £241 and £300 per week for each child and people who have considered fostering before, but weren't sure they could afford it, are advised to go attend an event and find out if it could now be a viable option.

Barbara Bath, head of the adoption, fostering, residential and YOT service at Lancashire County Council, said: "With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers. Just go along to one of these events to find out if this could be for you. You'll be able to talk to our friendly team and our foster carers about what it is like to foster in an informal setting.

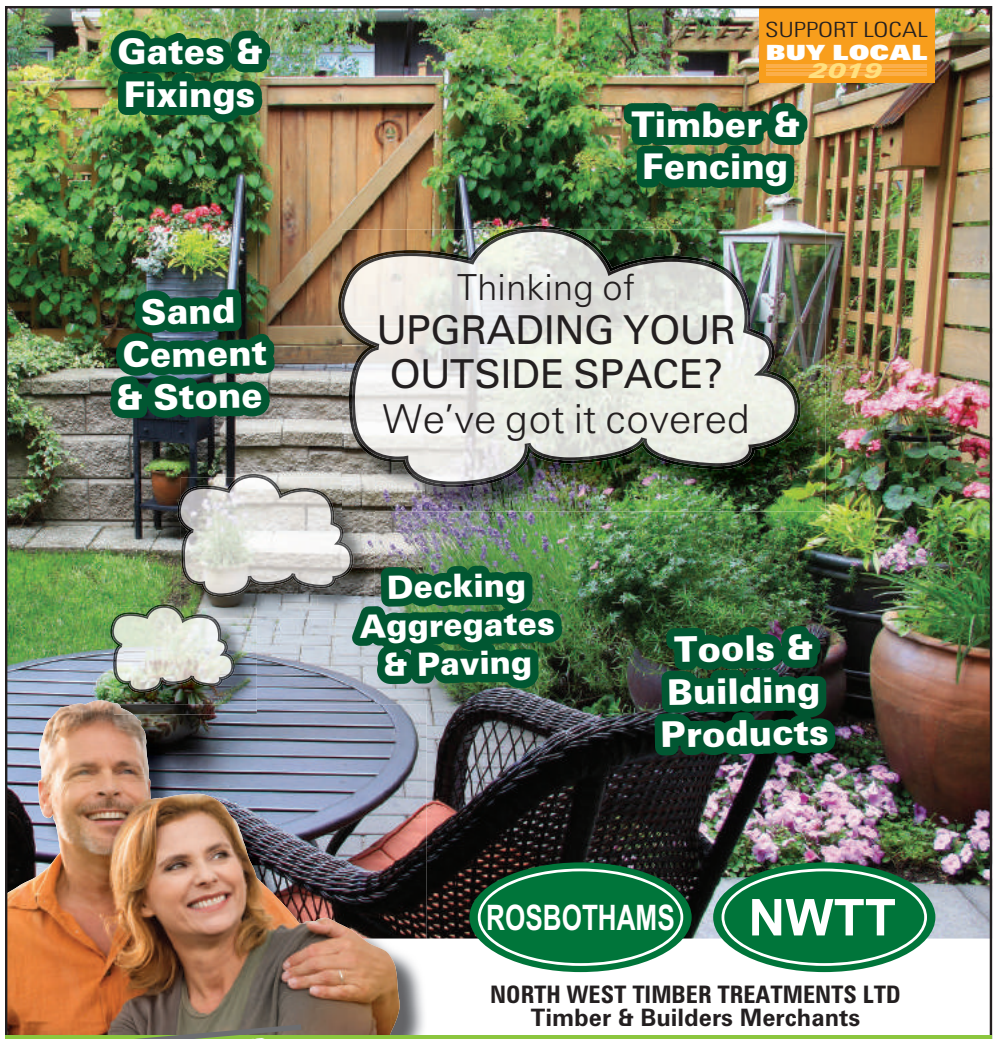
More people are needed to be foster carers. ***Photograph posed by models.***

"If there's nothing in your area at the moment, don't worry as we will be going along to more events throughout the year. Just check our website on a regular basis for up-to-date information."

Future information evenings will also be held at County Hall in Preston, for anyone thinking about becoming a foster carer but who can't make the community events.

There is no need to book a place to attend a fostering information evening. People can just turn up but are asked to arrive early.

The county council is particularly looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers.



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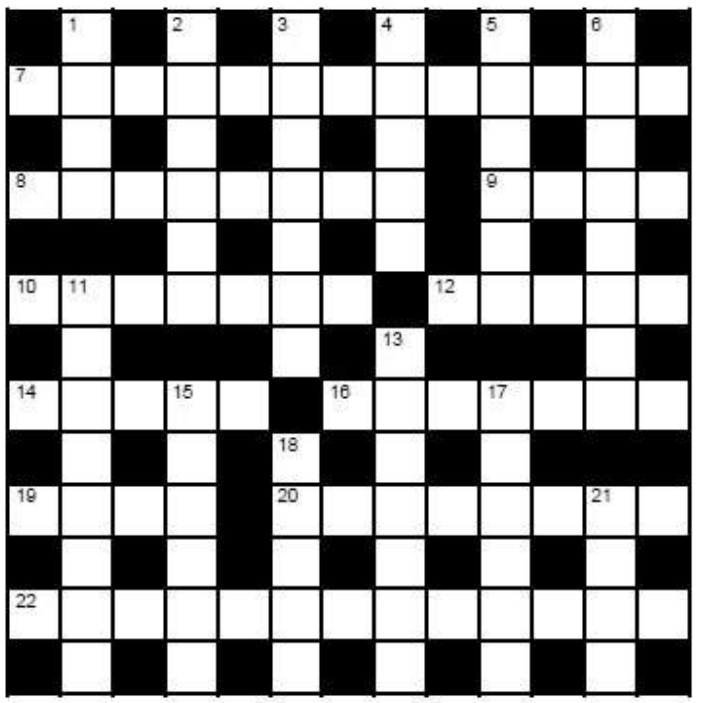

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ACROSS

7. An annual celebration commemorated by practical jokes and hoaxes (5, 5, 3)
8. One who insists on exactness or completeness in the observance of something (8)
9. Steep or rugged cliff or rock face (4)
10. System of rules and principles for speaking and writing a language (7)
12. Come into or be in contact with (5)
14. Carry out (a task) badly or carelessly (5)
16. Negatively charged electrode by which electrons enter an electrical device (7)
19. Name of a series of tactical ballistic missiles developed by the Soviet Union during the Cold War (4)
20. Tree or shrub of tidal, chiefly tropical, coastal swamps with tangled roots growing above ground and forming dense thickets (8)
22. Fairground ride (6, 7)

DOWN

1. Notice, perceive (4)
2. Humorous TV series e.g. Only Fools and Horses (6)
3. Dump, jettison (7)
4. Feeling regret (5)
5. Classic horror film featuring a famous shower scene (6)
6. Fairly judged or presented (8)
11. Potato, carrot or turnip for example (4, 4)
13. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet are the colours that make up this (7)
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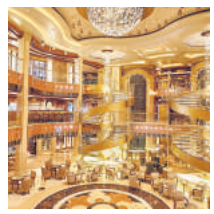

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Tickets, priced £7, can be obtained from 0151 928 3648, or pay at the door and all proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid.

RSPCA reports rise in calls to rescue exotic pets

THE RSPCA has reported an increase in the number of exotic pets it has had to rescue in the last year, including in Lancashire

The UK's largest and oldest animal welfare charity received a total of 386 calls about exotic pets in the county in 2018, resulting in 277 exotic animals and 241 fish being rescued. In 2017 the respective totals were 151 and one!

The charity believes the reason behind some of the suffering of exotics pets - including reptiles, mammals, birds and fish - is that owners don't do their research and don't understand the type and amount of care that they need. As a consequence many are neglected, dumped or simply escape.

And it's believed the number of pets involved is likely to be even higher as the figures don't include animals that are recovered dead or those that have been handed into or abandoned at RSPCA centres.

RSPCA Exotics Officer, Inspector Kim Greaves, said: "Although their numbers are small compared to more common pets, we have real concerns about the welfare of reptiles and other exotic animals kept as pets or entertainment in this country.

This iguana rescued by the RSPCA last year in Lancashire was subsequently found to have escaped and reunited with its owner.

"These creatures are completely reliant on their owners to meet their welfare needs, including requiring the correct levels of heat, light and humidity, plus an appropriate diet. Many of the animals we're called to help are found stray outside, where they can very quickly suffer in the cold.

"In some cases, we believe owners take them on simply because they believe they will be easier to care for than other pets, but it is essential that people research what is required in the care of their pet, from food, equipment, environment and vet care, before taking one on.

"We would also urge them to ask for help if they're struggling to meet their needs."

The charity received a total of 15,790 calls in England and Wales in 2018 about abandoned, stray, sick, suffering and neglected exotic animals and rescued some 4,000 including snakes, turtles, and bearded dragons, as well as raccoon dogs (East Asian foxes), marmosets and a wallaby.

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The only race that matters this early May bank holiday Monday - the annual rubber duck race! Colour in your rubber duck in our craft room during the weekend or bank holiday and enter it into the duck race on Monday 6 May. Bring your family along to the hotly-contested duck race - with a race at 12pm and 3pm and a £50 voucher for the winners up for grabs, who will emerge victorious?

As well as our duck race, it's an exciting time to visit the centre as lots of new life is appearing around our wetlands, including Nene Goslings, and Coot, Mallard and Lapwing chicks. Our brand new Pond Zone is also open on weekends and bank holidays. During your visit, be sure to grab a net and delve into pond dipping - we've everything you need to uncover incredible underwater life: nets, trays, magnifying glasses, identity charts, and our friendly Learning Team are on-hand to help.

A trip to Martin Mere is a great day out for all the family and we have a wide range of activities to make sure you have an unforgettable day. From our all-star cast of flamingos, a family of otters and a muster of white storks, we've got a wide range of species at our Wetland Centre. You can find out more about these amazing animals in our daily species spotlight talks and feeds.

For the young adventurers, theres plenty of areas to explore. Venture through three types of wild wetland in one mile-long VIP walk and wellies are a must in the Wild Walk area! And for an additional experience during your visit, head over to our Canoe Safari and Boat Tour area. Pick up a paddle and canoe your way around our award-winning kilometre-long Canadian canoe trail, or if youíre wanting a more relaxing experience, drift away on a 30 minute expertly-guided boat tour.

For thrill seekers, make sure you check out our Rushes play area. From zip wire screams and scramble net laughs, to treehouse trailblazing and water zone wonders, our huge adventure playground is a total rush for ages 3 to 12.

Get the family together and spend some time in the great outdoors this spring. For more information about our amazing wetland centre and a full list of upcoming events, please visit wwt.org.uk/martin-mere

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Heather admits she still gets terrified before performing

Former M People band member speaks of her fondness for resort

Interview by **Henry James**

Heather Small

AFTER performing for more than 25 years singer Heather Small has admitted she still gets terrified before appearing on stage.

The former M People lead singer was speaking before she brings her tour to the Southport Floral Hall on Saturday, May 11.

Small's distinctive voice helped the group sell more than 10 million albums across the world and their hits included Moving On Up, One Night in Heaven and Search For The Hero. Their second album, Elegant Slumming won the UK Mercury Music Prize in 1994.

Her first solo album, Proud, was released in 2000 and the title track has been used for different special events including this country's successful 2012 Olympic bid.

Small said: "I am still terrified about getting on stage but when I get on there I love it, I really love it. Everything I have done has been to maintain that love for what I do. It has been a childhood dream for me."

The performer added she enjoys coming to the town and has sung here before. She commented: "I have performed in Southport before, I like the town and enjoy singing here. It is a pretty place and very welcoming.

"The town has the Vincent Hotel which it had never had before. I love the architecture in Southport. It is not far away from the sea as well."

Small is promising to bring an entertaining evening to audiences when she comes to the resort and said: "People will be able to hear great music and we aim to bring joy.

"We all love what we do and I have a musical director who has been with me for more than 20 years and was with me when I was in M People.

"I love being with the musicians and we work hard. We make sure that no stone is left unturned."

The singer wants to sing for as long as she can, so she has to be careful of what she eats and she works out. Small said: "I have a vegan diet and I don't eat any dairy products. I do cardio and stamina work now as well. All this is to protect my voice.

"I know what it is like to appear on stage and I know some sacrifices are worth it. Smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol would not touch it."

Small is also well-known for her charity work and has always supported Barnardo's. She has also backed the homeless charity, Homeless Worldwide and she commented: "The charity was set up by Jenny Roberts whose brother died while homeless.

"There are so many people homeless for many different reasons, we are not here to judge them. The problem has become way to prevalent. I don't want our children to grow up in places where there are people on the streets.

"Homeless people have also been attacked by individuals who see them as easy targets. I don't want that in a society. I want the government to do something about the issue. I don't think it is being taken seriously enough."

Win tickets to Dirty Dancing

DIRTY Dancing which includes the iconic story of Baby and Johnny, and features the hit songs Hungry Eyes, Hey! Baby, Do You Love Me and the heart stopping (I've Had) The Time Of My Life, returns to the stage and the Champion has tickets to giveaway for the show.

The musical has had two blockbuster West End runs, three hit UK tours, and multiple international productions.

It will be at the Liverpool Empire from Monday, May 6 until Saturday, May 11.

Michael O'Reilly will star as Johnny Castle, one half of the best-loved duos in popular culture. Michael is making his professional debut in the show after graduating in dance and musical theatre, and is thrilled to be donning Johnny's iconic shades and leather jacket.

Kira Malou, will star as idealistic Frances 'Baby' Houseman. Kira is a member of the Dirty Dancing The Classic Story on Stage family already, having played the role of 'Baby' regularly during the 2016-17 UK tour, as well as being a member of the ensemble.

Michael said: "The tour has been amazing so far. We have had positive responses. It is good being a part of this show as everyone who comes already knows the story. Audiences also know the characters and they are ready to go on that journey with us."

Kira added: "It has been so popular as it is such a good story. The show follows Baby as she falls in love for the first time. The music is so captivating also."

It's the summer of 1963, and 17 year-old Frances Baby Houseman is about to learn some major lessons in life as well as a thing or two about dancing.

On holiday in New York's Catskill Mountains with her older sister and parents, she shows little interest in the resort activities, and instead discovers her own entertainment when she stumbles across an all night dance party at the staff quarters. Mesmerised by the raunchy dance moves and the pounding rhythms, baby can't wait to be part of the scene, especially when she catches sight of Johnny Castle, the resort dance instructor.

Kira Malou (Baby), Michael O'Reilly (Johnny); Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story on Stage; Photo by Alastair Muir

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Jane Eyre closing season

Jane Eyre comes to town

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Emily Bloom makes her SDC debut as the young Jane with Kerry Baratinsky playing the adult Jane and Brendan Gillow Mr. Rochester.

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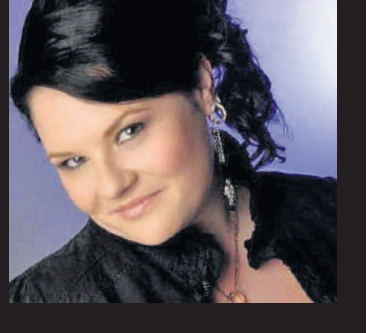

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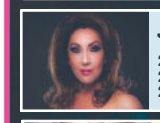

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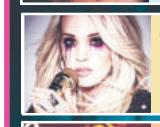

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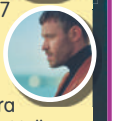

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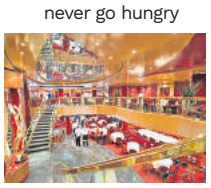

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LADIES SHOES by Lotus, red size 7 leather uppers £10 01704220356

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CLOTHING

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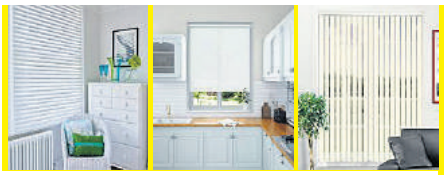

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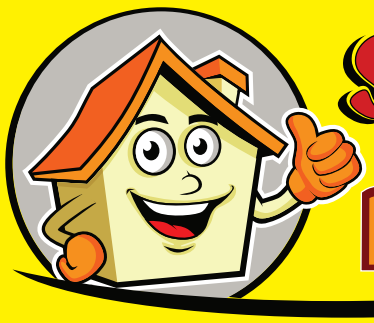

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PRESCOT ROAD, SOUTH OF AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Prescot Road, South of Aughton from Moss Delph Lane, Aughton to Orchard View.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2100 hours until 2400 hours on Tuesday 21st May 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Overnight closure. Access for pedestrians only

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Prescot Road – Town Green Lane – Winifred Lane – Northway – Liverpool Road – Long Lane – Parrs Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow manhole replacement and reinstatement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/17393/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARRS LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Parrs Lane, Aughton from Prescot Road to Malt Kiln Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 1900 hours until 2200 hours on Tuesday 21st May 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Overnight closure. Access for pedestrians only.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Prescot Road - Long Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow manhole replacement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/17395/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0288/FUL Replacing timber single glazed / double glazed and stained glass bay windows with stylistically sympathetic UPVC units using the same window frame designs in which the original stained glass will be encapsulated into a double glazed unit at Oakleigh, 3 Douglas Avenue, Tarleton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0311/ARM Reserved Matters - Construction of seven employment buildings (falling within use classes B1, B2 & B8) comprising a total of 11,721 sqm (GEA) and associated works pursuant to outline planning permission Ref. 2015/0171/OUT at Land To The East Of, Tollgate Crescent, Burscough Industrial Estate, Burscough.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.
2019/0335/FUL Removal of the existing dormer windows to the rear elevation and replacement and enlargement at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0336/LBC Listed Building Consent - Removal of the existing dormer windows to the rear elevation and replacement and enlargement at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0359/FUL Demolition of existing porch - replacement with new covered entrance. Kitchen extension at ground floor, bathroom extension at first floor, Internal alterations to re-configure kitchen, utility and entrance hall at 240 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0360/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2018/0185/FUL to vary the approved plans at South Springs, St Michael Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0367/FUL Rear extension and open carport to garage at Lane End Barn, 123 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0384/FUL Temporary access from Carr Moss Lane required to facilitate a working area within private land at Land Off Carr Moss Lane, Halsall.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/0385/FUL Temporary accesses from Riding Lane required to facilitate a working area within private land at Land Off Riding Lane, Haskayne.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/0393/FUL To erect a 2 bay oak framed carport and garden store on a concrete raft under a tile roof at 80 Church Road, Tarleton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 1st May 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1042

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROTHWELL MARY FAZAKERLEY

Walter and the family would like to thank all family and friends for attending Mary's funeral, all cards, kind words and donations. We are over-whelmed and heartbroken but not surprised by how much she was loved and respected. Special thanks to MLS for the dignified and professional arrangements and to Rev'd Andrew Hounsley.

OWEN ELSIE

Thanks to Friends of Elsie and her Family for support, cards and donations to The Alzheimers Society received. Thanks also to the Staff at Courtfield Lodge for the care given to Mum during her stay, especially during the last few weeks for their support and to Lisa and her Team at MLS for the dignified funeral arrangements.

PHYLLIS LYNCH

Pauline, Valerie, Gary and Keith would like to thank all our family and friends for their cards, kind words of sympathy and generous donations to Cancer Research UK received during their sad loss.

We would also like to thank Skelmersdale Funeral Services for their dignified funeral arrangements and Fred Louttit for the way he conducted the service in remembrance of our mums life.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROUTLEDGE PAUL WILLIAM

Our family would like to thank the many who came to the Celebration of Paul's Life on Friday 26th April 2019. We would also like to thank those who sent cards and messages of condolence which have supported us all. Appreciation to Reverend Canon David Banbury and Reverend Captain Andrew Housley for their warm ministrations.
A Special thanks must be paid to the very best of the Air Training Corps and RAF for their duties and respects on the day. Paul lived a full life and we celebrated the impact he made on so many people within the local community at the services and wake which was perfectly administered by all at Hurlston Hall Golf Club.The family would also like to make a special tribute to Claire Newland Funeral Director whose compassion, professionalism and care made the process of grieving so much more bearable. Throughout the process her team have been exemplary and proved care continues after losing a loved one.

LAMB STEVEN
(of Burscough)

Sue, Ronald, Adam, Megan, Vanessa, Lennon and Logan would like to express their sincerest thanks to all relatives, neighbours, friends and colleagues for all their expressions of sympathy, cards, messages and flowers. Thank you to all who attended Steve's Thankgiving Service and Committal, also for all the donations received on behalf of Bowel Cancer UK and Hull Coast Guard. Special thanks to David Banbury for conducting the service and MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their helpful and dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LOFTHOUSE ANDREW PETER

Vanessa & Family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, family and friends for all of their sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for the Welsh and North West Air Ambulance Service received during their recent sad loss. Thanks to Rev. Jack Shepherd for his prayers and kind words of comfort and to MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

JONES WILLIAM STUART (BILL)

25th April 2019

Aged 89 years

Dearly loved Husband of Elsie. Enormously loved Dad of Lynn, Jenny, Billy and Dave, wonderful Grandad to Jenny, Tracy, David, Paul and Isabella. Cherished by all his Great-Granchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 8th May at 2.40pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

SANDISON GERARDINE MOIRA

(Finnan)

Our hearts are broken for the loss of our beautiful Sister Ged. Never forget the cream cakes and tea with us all.
Lynette, Rhona and families
xxx

DILLON ALEXANDER

Loving Husband of Kath.
Wonderful Dad of Robert, Paula and David and beloved Grandad to Neil, Tom, Jack and Lee.

'A quiet man whose strength, intelligence and wit will be deeply missed.'

Funeral service to take place at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 2nd May at 1.45pm. For all enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel:01695 572997

LAWRENSON JAMES (JIMMY)

Passed away peacefully 17th April 2019 following a short illness

Dearly loved Brother of Walter, Brother-in-law of Valerie, Elaine and Jimmy. Funeral Service at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 12noon. Family flowers only but donations if so desired for Woodlands Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please contact Anabel Hunter, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

SHOWERING DAVID FREDERICK

14th April 2019

Aged 80 years

Devoted Husband of Diana. Loving Father of Jane, Ian and Robert. Treasured Grandfather of Jenny, Andy, Bethany, Arran, Lucy and Ava. Service at the Salvation Army Citadel on Thursday 2nd May at 2pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. In lieu of flowers, donations are being collected for Salvation Army and Cancer Research. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MAYOR MICHAEL 'MIKE'

24th April 2019

Peacefully, aged 80 years

Dearly beloved Husband of Doreen. Much loved Father of John, Andrew and Philip. Dear Father-in-law of Tracey, Helen and the late Anne. Loving Grandad of Isobelle, Lily, Shane and Chloe. Former friendly milkman of the Hesketh Park area. Mike will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Lupus UK.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

DEATHS

OWENS (Nee Foster) JEANNE VALERIE

23rd April 2019

Peacefully in hospital, aged 80 years

Dearly loved wife of the late Ken, much loved Mother of Graham and Sue. Loving Nana to Sam, Paul and Sarah, Sister to Marjorie and Auntie to Mike and Val. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service at All Saints with St Frideswyde's on Friday 10th May at 10.30am followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK c/o H. Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L32 5SE. Telephone 0151 924 4805.

ROYLE JOHN WINSTANLEY

Aged 77 years

of St Helens and Birkdale. Died in Southport Hospital on 23rd April after a characteristically hard fought battle against Mesothelioma

Justice of the Peace, Rotarian President, Yacht Master, Chartered Surveyor, successful businessman of 50 years.

John was also an exceptional Father to Nick and Phil, loving Husband to PJ, fun Grandpa to Lachlan, Lucas & Grace and Stepfather to Debbie & Pippa and Jonpa to Ben, Kate, Charlotte, Josie & Abbie.A memorial service is being arranged following the inquest. Please contact Moisters Funeralcare for details 01704 501501

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

DAVIES SHEILA (NEE DUFFY)

28th April 2019

Suddenly in hospital aged 71 years

Loving Wife of Trevor. Devoted Sister of Pat, Franny, Tony and Barney. Cherished Aunty of all her Nephews and Nieces. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 13th May at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Lung Foundation. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

WALKDEN ANDREW "ANDY"

Tragically on 11th April 2019, aged 54 years.

Loving Son of Barbara and Jim. Much loved Dad of Kayleigh and Aaron. Devoted Grandad of Gracie, Riley, Albie and Ellis. Andy will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Flyability.Org.UK Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

FAZAKERLEY RONALD

23rd April 2019

Peacefully at his home after a short illness aged 75 years of Ormskirk (formerly of Skelmersdale)

A loving Partner, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for North West Air Ambulance. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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BALL AUDREY MARGARET

21st April 2019

Aged 97 years

Beloved Wife of the late Doug. Wonderful Sister-in-law to Bert, Sheila and the late Stan, Joyce and Elsie. Adored Aunty to Christine, Diane, Pam, Alison and Amanda. Adored by Steve and Dory the dog. Cherished friend to so many. Audrey will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

HOPLEY JEAN

10th April 2019

Suddenly at home, Aged 67 years

Beloved Wife of Mike. Much loved Mum of Zoe and the late Joanne. Devoted Nannie of James, Chloe, Cerys and Ellie. Jean will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 3:20pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received for Guide Dogs UK.

Further enquiries to: Moisters Funeralcare, 25A Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG, Tel: 01704 501501

DEATHS

EVANS ALAN CLIFFORD

Passed away peacefully in hospital 21st April 2019 aged 90 years

Much loved Husband of Win. Much loved Dad of Carol and Adrian. Treasured by all his family. Alan was Headmaster at St John's Catholic Primary School, Burscough from 1963 to 1993. Alan will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. Requiem Mass will take place at St John the Evangelist Church, Chapel Lane, Burscough on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 2pm, followed by burial in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for St John's Catholic Primary School. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

SMART MARY

11th April 2019 Suddenly, aged 90 years.

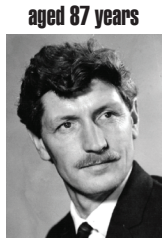
Dearly beloved Wife of the late Allan. Much loved Mother of John and Penny. Dear Mother-in-law of Catherine. Loving Grandma of Hannah, Rachael, Daniel and Andrew. Mary will be sadly missed by her family, friends and staff and pupils of Greenbank High School. Funeral Service will take place at All Saints Church, Rawlinson Road on Friday 10th May 2019 at 10.15am followed by a committal at Southport Crematorium at 11.20am. Strictly no flowers please but if so desired donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Society (a charity she supported for family reasons).

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

DEATHS

FAIRHURST WILLIAM WALTER (WALLY)

Passed away peacefully after a short illness in hospital 16th April 2019 aged 87 years



Loving Husband of the late Vera Alice. Much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad, Brother, Father-in-Law, Uncle and a good friend. Wally will be sadly missed by all his family, including Daisy the Dog, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 10th May 2019 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if so desired, are being gratefully received by the family for their chosen charity. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

DEATHS

HURST IRENE

12th April 2019 Peacefully in hospital aged 91 years of Lathom

Beloved Wife of the late Roland, loving Mum of Brian and Martin (deceased), dear Mother in law of June, cherished Nan of Mark & Gemma and Great Nan of Grace. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Lathom Park Chapel on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 10:45 am followed by cremation at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

SANDISON GERARDINE MOIRA

19th April 2019 Peacefully in hospital aged 82 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of Ernie. Loving Mum of Graham, Colin and Christopher, dear Mother in law of Jane, Jeanette and Kerrie, devoted Nana of Moira, Daniel, Adele, Olivia, Katy, Erin and Lauren and Great Nana to Corbin, Oonagh, Matteus and Ada. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 2:30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Alzheimers Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

BRIMAGE JAMES HENRY (JIMMY)

24th April 2019 Peacefully in hospital aged 87 years

Loving Husband of the late Margaret. Devoted Dad of David, Susan, Linda, Peter, Andrew, Jimmy and Robert. Dear Father in law of Julie, Shaun, Roy, Diane, Donna, Pauline and Lisa. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place today, Wednesday 1st May at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The 3 Wishes Charity, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary Wigan. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

BEESLEY KAREN LESLEY

Died peacefully on 20th April after a long illness surrounded by her loving family

Aged 58 years

Dearly loved Wife of Stephen, amazing Mother to Michael and Hannah, Devoted Daughter of Norah. Karen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Celebration of Karen's life will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 2nd May at 10am. Strictly no dark clothing, football shirts are welcome. Family flowers only but donations if desired will be gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Karen's Husband Stephen. 01704 211356 07724 893205

SEATH OLWEN MARY

19th April 2019

After a short illness, peacefully at Good Companions Residential Home, aged 96 years.

Devoted Wife of the late Ken. Loving Mum of Marian, John, Stephen, Anne and the late Donald. Much loved Nanna to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Olwen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 3rd May 2019 at 1.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society.

Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

FOULKES ROBERT GREAVES (BOB)

13th April 2019

Aged 82 years

Died suddenly. Devoted Husband of the late Hazel. Much loved Dad of Helen and John, loving Brother of Margaret. Cherished Grandad and Great-Grandad to all of his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Bob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 8th May at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

CARLYLE MARGARET (NEE COAKLEY)

27th April 2019 Aged 73 years. Peacefully in St. Josephs Hospice

Devoted Wife to Mike. Devoted Mum to Michael, Neil and David. Devoted Nannie to April, Owen, Scott, Grace and Sean. Funeral Service to be held at St. Anne's Church, Ormskirk on Tuesday 7th May at 12.50pm, followed by cremation at Burscough Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations can be made in Margaret's memory to St. Josephs Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

PROBYN GEOFFREY WILLIAM

16th April 2019

Aged 80 years

Passed away peacefully at Millbrook House. Loving Husband of Jean. Adored Father to Steven and Janet. Beloved Brother to sister Beryl. Treasured Grandad and Uncle. Geoff will be greatly missed from all who knew and loved him. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 10th May at 1:20pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Southport Offshore Rescue trust (S.O.R.T). Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

NAYLOR ROSE ELIZABETH NORMA "NORMA"

After a long illness at home on 21st April 2019 (Easter Sunday), Aged 86 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of Eric. Much loved Mother of Tina, Sue, Carole and the late Gary. Dear Mother-in-Law of Cliff. Devoted Grandma of Georgina & Nathan, Jasmine & Mike, Nadine & Ollie, Jonathon & Sophie, and the Late Lindsey. Loving Sister of the Late George. Norma will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 2pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for British Heart Foundation. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

JACKSON PETER GRANVILLE

Passed away peacefully at home on 26th April 2019 aged 85 years of Burscough

Dearly Loved Husband of Margaret, Father of Tim and Jill. Loved by his Grandchildren, and missed by all his family and friends. Private cremation, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St. John C.E Church, Burscough on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for St. John C.E. Church and The British Heart Foundation.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road, North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555.

TEASDALE COLLIE BARBARA ANNE

After a short illness, peacefully at home on 15th April Aged 83 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Archie. Much loved Mum of Susan, Robert, Lindsay and Martin. Dear Mother-in-law of Mohammed and Shirley. Loving Grandma of Louai, Mimi, Sophie, Leon and Archie. Loving sister of Mary. A much loved auntie of Emma and Stuart. Barbara will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Saturday 4th May 2019 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

LOCKE HOWARD GORDON

On 25th April 2019 Peacefully at Home Aged 78 years

Beloved Husband of the late Margaret, loving Dad of Julie and Clive, dear Mother in law of Robert and Lisa, and much loved Granddad of William, Emma, Joseph and Evie. Funeral service will take place at St. Johns Church, Crossens on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 12:30am, followed by the Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

MURPHY VERA

Aged 89 years

Peacefully in the Willows Nursing Home on 20th April 2019

Dearly loved wife of the late Ted. Much loved Mum of Paul, David and the late Philip; Mother-in-Law to Diane and Rachel; loving Nana to Ben, Lindsay, Jonathon, Abigail and Joshua; Great Granny to Teddy.

A cremation will be followed by a service of thanksgiving at Christ Church, Lord St, Southport on Wednesday 8 May at 11am. No flowers please but donations are welcome to the Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries to: Moisters Funeralcare, 25A Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG, Tel: 01704 501501

McLUCKIE SYLVIA

18th April 2019

Aged 94 years

Died peacefully after a short illness. Devoted Wife of the late John. Sylvia will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Graveside service at Liverpool Road Cemetery on Thursday 9th May at 11:00am. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

DEATHS

BURGOYNE AUDREY

Passed away in Aintree Hospital after a short illness bravely born, 17th April 2019 aged 93 years

Loving Wife of the late Bill. Beloved Mum to Hilary & Ian and much loved Nana to Adam & Zoe. Audrey will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Service in Ormskirk Parish Church Thursday 9th May 2019 at 3pm. Donations if desired to RNLI Lifeboats. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

DAVIES KARAL

18th April 2019

Aged 71 years

Died peacefully after a short illness at Birkdale Park Nursing Home. Devoted Wife of Stanley, loving Mum of Suzanne and Paul, cherished Grandma of Jack, Kyle and Frankie. Karal will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 3rd May at 10:40am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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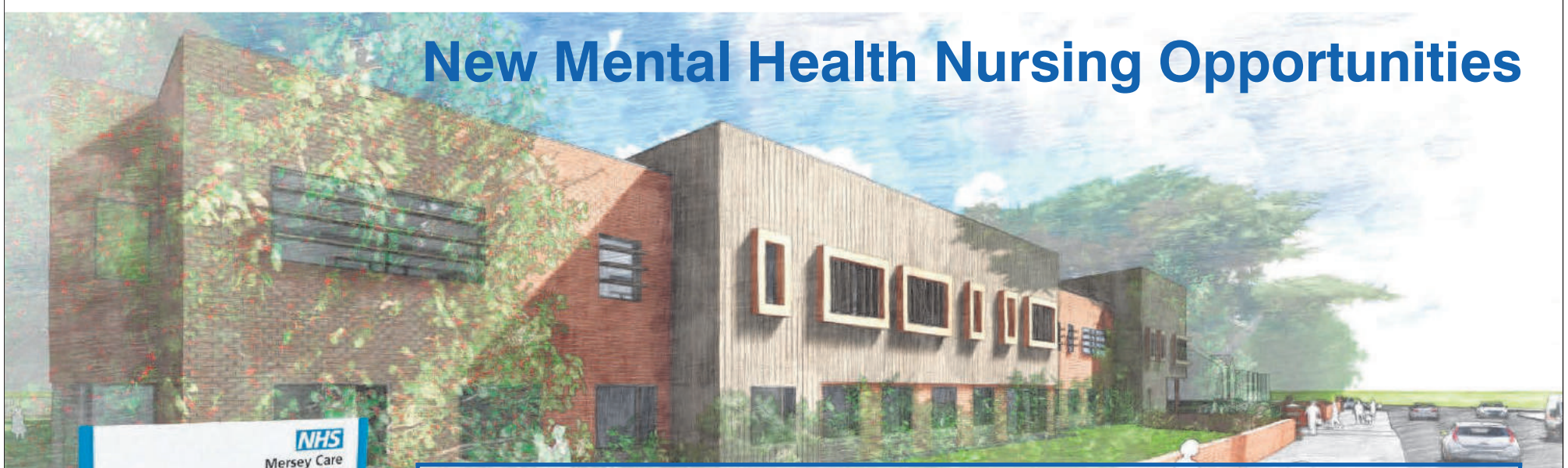

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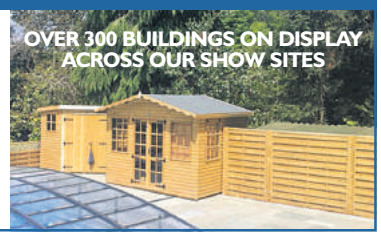

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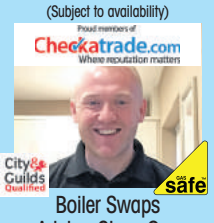
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The Mazda MX-5. You won't have seen it because all the news cameras were down in London focusing on some running event that took place the same day but the result was spectacular; a convoy of sports cars stretching as far as the eye could see, all moving in unison.

It was spread across four lanes of cars taking up the entire length of Elvington's three-kilometre runway and back again, plus the taxiways linking it all together.

So there you have it – the world record for the biggest ever parade of convertibles now belongs to a load of us who own Mazda MX-5s (and the record for the biggest ever parade of Mazdas too, for that matter).

There were MX-5s everywhere, but if you'd have been in for a bit of a shock if you think that once you've seen one MX-5, that you've seen them all.

Sure, there were shedloads of bog-standard cars, but there were also super-rare BBR Turbo models and RS models shipped in specially from Japan.

There were lads who tricked theirs up with big alloys and bodykits, and a lady who'd given hers some TVR Tuscan-esque flip paintwork. And, of course, mine; a Eunos V-Spec with lots of little luxuries that were never offered here on the UK MX-5s.

Say what you like about the world's best-selling sports car being fitted with an auto box, but I'll have the wood, leather and air con any day.

But the really big shock was getting out of Yorkshire and back to reality. Head out in an MG or an Alfa Spider and you're virtually guaranteed a cheery wave if you pass a fellow owner coming the other way, but in an MX-5 it's a rare occurrence, and even now, three decades after the MkI was originally launched, you'll still get occasional sneering comment if you take one to a classic car show.

Which is all Mazda's fault, of course. Had it made the MX-5 a bad car that breaks down all the time, fewer people would've bought them and wouldn't have been inclined to use them as daily drivers.

I know plenty of people who still use MX-5s fast approaching their 30th birthday as everyday cars – which means you see them more often, and that sort of takes away the novelty. Which is why, I figure, most of them don't wave.

I reckon it's time they started giving those cheery waves in the same way other owners of old cars do – and that they get their names down next time there's another attempt at the record.

At the last count there were 26,438 MX-5s on the UK's roads – and I'm sure a few of the 95% who didn't take part last weekend would be up for another go. They're going to need a longer runway next time.

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*** INSIGNIA 1.4 TURBO SRi (PETROL) 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in Olympic white, alloys, climate, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB radio, front & rear park assist - FSH - 12 months MOT **£9,495**
*** INSIGNIA 1.4 TURBO DESIGN SPORTS TOURER (ESTATE) 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in emerald green metallic, cruise, climate - FSH - 12 months MOT **£9,150**
*** INSIGNIA 1.6 SRi CDTi SPORTS TOURER (ESTATE) 5 DR 65 REG** 35,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, climate, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, tow bar - FSH & £30 road tax **£9,100**
INSIGNIA 1.8 SRi 5 DR 63 REG 34,000 miles in sapphire black metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise – FSH, supplied & serviced by ourselves, bluetooth, DAB radio, front & rear, park assist **£7,295**
VAUXHALL ASTRA
NEW MODEL ASTRA
*** ASTRA 1.4 SRi TURBO AUTO ESTATE 67 REG** 18,000 miles in deep sky blue metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise, front & rear park assist - FSH **£12,495**
*** ASTRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 67 REG** 3,000 miles in flip chip silver metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - FSH **£12,395**
ASTRA 1.4 TURBO ELITE NAV 5 DR 66 REG 24,000 miles in granite grey metallic, full leather, heated front seats, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, IntelliLink, DAB radio – FSH **DUE IN £10,695**
ASTRA
ASTRA 1.4T SRi GTC 3 DR 14 REG 14,000 miles in sapphire black metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise – serviced by ourselves & March 2020 MOT **£7,995**
VAUXHALL CORSA
*** CORSA 1.4 SE AUTO 5 DR 17 REG** 3,000 miles in white, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon - FSH **£10,695**
*** CORSA 1.4 SRi NAV 90 5 DR 18 REG** 5,000 miles in quantum grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, IntelliLink, cruise, aircon, alloys, DAB, radio, heated windscreen **£10,495**
*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG**, 3,000 miles in Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH **£9,795**
*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG** 4,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic or lava red, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen - FSH **£9,595**
*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG** 8,000 miles in white, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon **£9,195**
*** CORSA 1.4 SRi 5 DR 16 REG** just 3,000 miles in sapphire black metallic with black alloys, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, aircon, DAB radio, heated windscreen, cruise – FSH & £30 road tax, Jan MOT **£8,595**
*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 16 REG** from 12,000 miles in sovereign silver metallic or Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloy, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£8,550**
ZAFIRA TOURER
*** ZAFIRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 65 REG** 31,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist - FSH and 12 months MOT **£9,150**
MOKKA X
*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO DESIGN NAV AUTO 5 DR** 67 REG 4,000 miles in amber orange metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, IntelliLink, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist - FSH **£14,995**
*** MOKKA X 1.4 ACTIVE TURBO AUTO 5 DR 67 REG** 1,000 miles in velvet red metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist - FSH **£14,795**
*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE 5 DR 18 REG** 7,000 miles in coppertino metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate - FSH **£13,395**
*** MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE 5 DR 67 REG** 3,000 miles in summit white, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate, FSH **£12,695**
MOKKA
*** MOKKA 1.4 TURBO SE AUTO 5 DR 16 REG** 8,000 miles in burnt orange metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH and Jan MOT **£10,995**
*** MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in glacier white, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats & steering wheel, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys - FSH and Nov MOT **£9,495**
MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 15 REG 13,000 miles in Boracay blue metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH and 12 months MOT **£9,295**
RANGE ROVER
*** RANGE ROVER SPORT 3.0 SD V6 HSE AUTO 4x4 S/S 5 DR 63 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 58,000 miles in Firenze red metallic black leather with heated front & rear seats, memory drivers seat, Bluetooth, SAT NAV, 20" alloys front parking aid & rear view camera, climate, xenons, cruise, privacy glass, spare wheel local car with FSH at main dealers & ourselves, 12 months MOT **£27,995**
OTHER MAKES
*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 GDi S CONNECT 5 DR 68 REG** 4,000 miles in inca beach metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, rear park assist, climate, DAB radio – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£16,450**
*** NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCi ACENTA with SMART VISION PACK 5 DR 67 REG (2018)** 14,000 miles in sapphire blue metallic, sunroof, alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, aircon - balance of 3 yr Nissan warranty & spare wheel **£15,495**
*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 16 REG** 28,000 miles in moon rock metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£13,695**
*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE GDi (PETROL) 5 DR 16 REG** 12,000 miles in velvet red metallic, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, alloys, heated front seats – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty, rear park assist **DUE IN £13,250**
*** VW TIGUAN 2.0 MATCH TDi DSG AUTO BLUEMOTION 4MOTION 15 REG** 30,000 miles in platinum metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, climate, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT **£12,995**
*** FORD FIESTA 1.0 TURBO ECOBOOST TITANIUM 100 5 DR 67 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, SAT NAV, heated windscreen, privacy glass - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty **£12,495**
*** FORD FIESTA 1.1 ZETEC NAV 85 5 DR 67 REG** (NEW SHAPE) 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, SAT NAV, alloys, aircon, DAB radio, bluetooth & heated rear windscreen - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty **£11,295**
HONDA CIVIC 1.6 SR NAVI I-DTEC DIESEL 5 DR 65 REG 23,000 miles in red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, leather, alloys, rear parking camera, rear front & rear park assist, heated front seats, climate, cruise, DAB radio - FSH & zero road tax **£10,850**
BMW 1 SERIES 125 2.0 I M SPORT SPORTS HATCH 3 DR 62 REG 24,000 miles in Estoril blue metallic with red leather seats, alloys, Bluetooth - FSH & 12 months MOT **£10,495**
*** RENAULT CLIO 0.9 DYNAMIQUE NAV TCE 90 5 DR 18 REG** 8,000 miles in diamond black metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£9,995**
*** PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE PREMIUM 82 5 DR 18 REG** 10,000 miles in nimbus grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear parking camera, panoramic roof, DAB radio, cruise, aircon – balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty **£9,995**

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*** PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE 81 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in aluminium silver metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, DAB radio, cruise, aircon - balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty **£9,595**
*** RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE NAV 75 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in titanium metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£9,495**
RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV AUTO 5 DR 64 REG 25,000 miles in grey with black roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, rear park assist, cruise - £20 road tax, November MOT, FSH **£9,395**
HONDA CIVIC 1.4 S 5 DR 16 REG 27,000 miles in bright blue metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, DAB radio – FSH & 12 months MOT **£9,195**
*** HYUNDAI i10 1.2 SE 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in black, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio, aircon – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£8,995**
*** HYUNDAI I20 1.2 S AIR 5 DR 18 REG** from 12,000 miles, in aqua sparkling metallic or white, aircon, DAB radio – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£8,650**
*** KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDi CONNECT (DIESEL) 5 DR 15 REG** 29,000 miles in inferno red, alloys, aircon, cruise, rear park assist, Bluetooth, DAB radio space saver spare wheel - FSH, 12 months MOT & balance of 7 yr Kia warranty **£7,750**
BMW 320 D 2.0 M SPORT TOURING AUTO ESTATE 5 DR 13 REG 167,000 miles in black metallic, leather, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, FSH with BMW and ourselves **£7,295**
FORD FIESTA 1.0 ZETEC TURBO 5 DR 15 REG 35,000 miles in race red, alloys, Bluetooth – FSH & £0 road tax, Feb MOT **£7,150**
TOYOTA VERSO 2.0 TR D-4D 7 SEATER 5 DR 12 REG 62,000 miles in silver blue metallic, alloys – FSH and March MOT, sat nav, bluetooth - 1 family owned **£6,995**
*** VAUXHALL ANTARA 2.2 EXCLUSIV CDTi 5 DR 63 REG** 21,000 miles in grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, heated front seats – FSH at Vauxhall **£6,995**
SKODA OCTAVIA 1.6 S TDI ESTATE 5 DR 14 REG 87,000 miles in grey metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, DAB radio - £0 road tax, FSH & 12 months MOT - spotless **£6,795**
SEAT LEON 1.2 S TSi 5 DR 14 REG 24,000 miles in denim blue metallic – service history & 12 months MOT **£6,695**
VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 SE CDTi NAV 5 DR 12 REG 53,000 miles in macadamia metallic, SAT NAV, alloys, cruise – supplied & serviced by ourselves & 12 months MOT **£5,695**
VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SXi 5 DR 64 REG 34,000 miles in sapphire black metallic, alloys, cruise, privacy glass – FSH, supplied & serviced by ourselves **£5,495**
VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 DESIGN 5 DR 11 REG 45,000 miles in metro blue metallic, alloys, cruise, rear park assist, spare wheel – FSH, supplied & serviced by ourselves – absolutely spotless, local retired owner **£4,995**
FIAT 500C 1.2 LOUNGE CONVERTIBLE 11 REG 32,000 miles in white, alloys, Bluetooth - local car, full Fiat service history, 12 months MOT, £30 Road Tax **£4,895**
VW POLO 1.2 BLUEMOTION TECH TDi 3 DR 12 REG 76,000 miles in silver metallic – March MOT, service history & £0 road tax **£4,695**
KIA PICANTO 1.25 ECODYNAMICS 2 5 DR 62 REG 37,000 miles in silver metallic, Bluetooth, alloys – service history & £0 road tax **£4,695**
QUALITY PART EXCHANGES
VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXi 5 DR 11 REG 36,000 miles in sapphire black metallic, alloys – April 2020 MOT **£3,995**
CITROEN C3 PICASSO 1.6 HDi EXCLUSIVE 5 DR 11 REG 92,000 miles in bright blue metallic, alloys, rear park assist £30 road tax, service history and recent cambelt **£3,495**
NISSAN QASHQAI 2.0 DCi TEKNA 5 DR 57 REG 115,000 miles in silver metallic, rear park assist, cruise – service history & Dec MOT **£3,250**
RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE ESTATE 5 DR 10 REG 50,000 miles in gold metallic – Feb MOT **£3,150**
VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 10 REG 80,000 miles in oriental blue metallic, alloys, heated front seats & steering wheel – service history & 12 months MOT – supplied by ourselves **£2,995**
FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC TDCi 5 DR 11 REG 111,000 miles in silver metallic, alloys - £20 road tax, tidy car & drives well **£2,995**
RENAULT CLIO 1.6 EXPRESSION AUTO 5 DR 58 REG 67,000 miles in black metallic – 12 months MOT **£2,695**
PART-EX CLEARANCE
PANDA 1.2 DYNAMIC ECO 5 DR 09 REG 62,000 miles in silver - £30 road tax **£1,750**
ASTRA 1.9 SRi CDTi 150 3 DR SPORT HATCH 07 REG 117,000 miles in moonlands metallic, alloys **£1,495**
PEUGEOT 207 1.4 HDi URBAN 3 DR 10 REG 120,000 miles in silver metallic – April 2020 MOT & £30 road tax **£1,495**
SUZUKI WAGON R+ 1.3 S-LIMITED 5 DR 53 REG 66,000 miles in silver metallic Feb MOT **£1,195**
VANS
VW CADDY VAN STARTLINE MAXI C20 1.6 TDi WINDOW VAN with REAR SEATS fitted 14 REG 75,000 miles in white – spotless van, just had cambelt **£7,695 NO VAT**
*** VW CADDY VAN C20 TRENDLINE 1.6 TDi 64 REG** 43,000 miles in white, power windows, remote locking, wood-lined – Ex VW, nice tidy van with FSH, cruise **£7,495+VAT**
PEUGEOT BOXER 2.2 330 SWB VAN 09 REG 80,000 miles in white – local van **£4,295 NO VAT**
CITROEN DISPATCH 1.6 HD 1000 H1 VAN 10 REG 95,000 miles in white – supplied & serviced by ourselves – 12 months MOT **£3,795 + VAT**
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2015 (65) MERCEDES-BENZ A 180 SPORT, black alloys, 22k £15,995
2015 (15) NISSAN JUKE 1.6 NISMO RS DIG-T 5DR, silver, 6k, reverse camera, heated seats, sat nav £12,495
2015 (15) FORD KUGA, 1.5 TDCI Titanium X, leather, sunroof £10,995
2015 (15) NISSAN JUKE 1.2 ACENTA PREMIUM, 25k, nav, metallic, alloys £8,799
2015 (15) RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI, metallic, alloys, 38k £8,799

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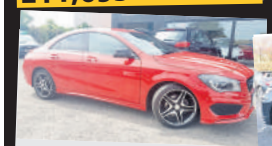
2017 (17) MERCEDES C220 SE AUTO ESTATE, silver, alloys, leather £16,995
2017 (67) JAGUAR XE SE AUTO, alloys, red, 27k, SUPER VALUE £16,995
2015 (15) MERCEDES GLA AMG Auto, 39k, metallic, alloys £17,995
2015 (65) VW TIGUAN R/LINE 2L TDI, metallic, 4 motion auto £17,995
2017 (17) AUDI A1 1.6 TDI S LINE 5-DR, metallic grey, 9k only £14,999
2016 (16) BMW 2 SERIES 1.5 218i SE ACTIVE TOURER 5DR, white, 19k, alloys, Bluetooth, climate £14,999
2017 (67) VW GOLF 1.4 TFSI SE NAV 5-dr, alloys, 4k only £14,995
2016 (66) AUDI A4 1.4 TFSI SPORT 5DR ESTATE, 39k £14,995
2015 (15) BMW 530 SE AUTO, metallic, alloys, leather £13,995
2015 (65) VOLKSWAGEN SCIROCCO 2.0 R-LINE TSI,met blue, alloys £13,995
2016 (16) AUDI A3 1.6 TDI SPORT 5DR, met blue, 25k only, alloys £13,695
2016 (66) HYUNDAI TUSCON 1.6 GDI S BLUEDRIVE 5DR, 19k, balance of 5 year warranty £11,995
2014 (14) VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN 2L TDI MATCH black 34K £10,995
2015 (15) MERCEDES-BENZ B180 SE CDI DIESEL 6 SPD, metallic, leather, alloys. £9,995
2016 (16) MINI HATCH 1.5 COOPER D 3DR, diesel, 39k choice of 2 ..... £8,495
2011 (11) MERCEDES-BENZ E250 CDI SPORT 4DR AUTO, silver, leather, 79k £7,995
2010 (10) BMW 1 SERIES M-SPORT DIESEL AUTO, metallic, FSH, 64k £7,499
2011 (61) AUDI A1 1.2 TFSI SE 3-dr, in black, alloys, FSH, lady owner £5,999

CONVERTIBLES

2012 (12) BMW 320D M SPORT 2DR AUTO DIESEL, convertible, black, leather, 56k £11,995
2012 (12) MERCEDES-BENZ SLK 2.1 250 DIESEL AUTO, convertible, nav, leather, air scarf, 39k £11,995
2014 (14) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 2L TDI, Auto, convertible, Golf R body kit, 70k £11,995

2014 (64) FORD C-MAX TITANIUM TDCI 5DR, 27k £8,995
2013 (13) FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC, metallic, alloys, 36k £5,995
2016 (16) CITROEN C1 5DR, limited edition, 29k £5,995
2014 (64) FIAT 500 POP, metallic, local lady owner £4,995



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11 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 SXI 5DR, silver, alloys **£3995**
08 NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA DIESEL, in silver, leather, panoramic roof, FSH **£3495**
11 FORD FOCUS 1.6 DIESEL SPORT 5DR, in black with Sat Nav **£3450**
61 HYUNDAI i30 COMFOFT 1.4 5DR, in grey, 2 owner, FSH **£3425**
61 HYUNDAI I10 5DR, in silver, only 50,000 miles **£3395**
59 ALFA ROMEO MITO LUSSO 3-dr, black metallic, 61k **£3295**

AUTOMATICS

08 MERCEDES BENZ S320 DIESEL, AUTO SALOON, silver / gold, every extra **£6995**
57 BMW 530 TDM SPORT AUTOMATIC SALOON, in black with cream leather, sat nav .. **£6995**
08 TOYOTA RAV-4 XTR AUTO, in black, 3 owners **£4695**
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57 FORD C-MAX AUTOMATIC, silver, 70,000 ..... **£2795**
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56 VW JETTA 1.9 DIESEL AUTO, saloon, silver, 79,000 miles **£2495**
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57 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN SPORT 2.5 TDSE TROJAN, in silver **£2995**
53 AUDI TT COUPE, manual, silver/blue with cream leather **£2750**
08 FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR, in silver **£2695**
11 CHEVROLET SPARK 1.2 LS 5DR, 53,000 miles, silver **£2495**
57 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI AUTO Highline, Black, Leather, Sat Nav **£2250**
10 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 3DR, black **£1950**
57 FORD C-MAX DIESEL, in light blue metallic **£1795**
55 FORD FIESTA DIESEL 5DR, in silver **£1750**
55 FORD FOCUS 1.6 DIESEL 5DR, manual, in light blue metallic **£1595**
57 MAZDA 5 2.0 DIESEL SALOON, in blue **£1500**

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53 MINI COOPER in red with leather & sat nav **£1495**
51 RENAULT KANGOO 1.4 RXE low mileage with wheelchair facilities & winch **£1495**
52 HONDA JAZZ 1.3 SE 5DR, blue **£1395**
56 FIAT PUNTO 3-DR, in light blue, 64k **£1295**
06 FORD FOCUS DIESEL TDCI ZETEC 5DR, blue **£1295**
04 FORD FIESTA 5DR, light blue **£1295**
55 SUZUKI ALTO 1.1 5DR, blue, 70,000 miles **£1295**
04 FORD STREET KA CABRIOLET 2DR, blue, leather **£1295**
55 FORD KA 1.3 3DR, red 56,000 miles **£1250**
55 FORD FOCUS ZETEC SALOON TITANIUM, in silver **£1250**
52 VOLVO ESTATE V70 2.4 MANUAL, metallic red, leather **£995**
52 FORD KA, silver, only 44,000 miles, silver, full MoT **£995**
55 FIAT PUNTO 1.2 5DR, black **£995**
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Customer Deposit	£179
Total Amount of Credit	£10,967.37
47 monthly payments of	£179.98
Interest Charge	£2,119.69
Optional Final Payment	£4,628
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£16,366.06
Total Duration of Agreement	47 months
Representative APR	6.9%
Mileage Per Annum	5,000
Excess Mileage Charge (Per Mile)	0.09p

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Customer Deposit	£169
Total Amount of Credit	£11,051.09
47 monthly payments of	£169.98
Interest Charge	£2,209.97
Optional Final Payment	£5,272
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£13,930.06
Total Duration of Agreement	48 months
Representative APR	6.9%
Mileage Per Annum	5,000
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Customer Deposit	£499
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47 monthly payments of	£259.98
Interest Charge	£3,306.03
Optional Final Payment	£7,747
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£20.965.06
Total Duration of Agreement	48 months
Representative APR	6.9%
Mileage Per Annum	5,000
Excess Mileage Charge (Per Mile)	0.09p

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£279 per month

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On The Road Cash Price	£20,999
Deposit Allowance	£4,000
Customer Deposit	£0
Total Amount of Credit	£16,499
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Interest Charge	£3,130.99
Optional Final Payment	£6,509
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£24,129.99
Total Duration of Agreement	48 months
Representative APR	6.9%
Mileage Per Annum	5,000
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Interest Charge	£3,239.76
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Linnets concede late winner in five goal thriller

Silsden 3
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH conceded two goals in the final 15 minutes to come away empty handed from a five goal thriller in Yorkshire.

Burscough had gone into a 2-0 lead in the first-half with a strong wind at their backs but luck went against them in the second 45 minutes.

The Linnets had stormed into the lead after only two minutes as centre-forward Chad Whyte finished the season with a flourish. Whyte set off on a solo run from Burscough's half of the pitch before finishing well to make it 1-0.

The second goal was Whyte's 21st league goal of the season and his 33rd in total, making it 2-0 after only 24 minutes.

Matters were not helped eight minutes into the second-half when goalkeeper Ryan Grier pulled off an excellent save but the ball went straight to Dan Illingworth who finished tidily to half the Linnets advantage.

Burscough were doing well as the weather worsened but were then undone by a wild deflection, Illingworth's shot going high over Grier before going into the net to make it 2-2.

In the 89th minute the cards fell against the Linnets again, a cross drifted onto the crossbar and dropped perfectly for Niall Sultan who converted from very close in.

Burscough finish the season in 12th position in the North-West Counties Premier Division table (see below).

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Pts
1.	City of Liverpool	38	29	4	5	91
2.	Bootle	38	28	5	5	89
3.	Congleton Town	38	25	3	10	78
4.	Northwich Victoria	38	20	7	11	67
5.	Ashton Athletic	38	19	4	15	61
6.	Charnock Richard	38	19	4	15	61
7.	Runcorn Town	38	19	3	16	60
8.	Squires Gate	38	17	7	14	57
9.	Silsden	38	17	6	15	57
10.	Barnoldswick Town	38	17	5	16	56
11.	1874 Northwich	38	14	12	12	54
12.	Burscough	38	14	9	15	51

Skem go down fighting after ending season with impressive display against promotion chasing Colne

Relegation doesn't stop Paul McNally's side giving fans a strong final showing as they depart the Evo-Stik League West Division

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 1
Colne 2

RELEGATED Skelmersdale United signed off the season with a narrow defeat in one of the most entertaining matches of the campaign.

There was still plenty to play for as Colne arrived knowing that they simply had to win if they were to take a place in the end of season promotion play-offs, and they brought more than 100 fans with them.

Skelmersdale United manager Paul McNally made five changes from the side that faced Prescot Cables on Easter Monday, Jordan Tyrer, Tommy Grimshaw, Sean Yeldrem, Liam Wood and Matt Corness all getting a starting place in Skem's last game in the Evo-Stik League for a while.

Soon the yellow shirted Colne players went onto the offensive, a Lee Pugh free-kick was blocked and away forward Oliver Wood saw a chance snubbed out by Skem goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman leaving his line swiftly.

In the 14th minute Colne opened the scoring through Mamadou Djabi, who from around six yards was able to poke the ball into the Skem net.

Four minutes later Alex Curran went close for Colne putting a rising shot just over the Skem crossbar, however soon he was to have a bigger impact.

On 22 minutes the scoreline was doubled when Colne was awarded a penalty after Curran was brought down in the box by defender Tommy Lent. The ball was running into a harmless area in the corner of the 18 yard box, Curran stepped across Lent and immediately slowed down, felt the contact and fell over.

Skem goalscorer Alex Griffiths on the ball. Picture by John Driscoll

Curran got up and fired the ball low into the Skelmersdale net sending keeper Kirkman the wrong way to make it 2-0.

In the 33rd minute Yeldrem did well on the left and sent a cross into the Colne box and only an excellent diving header from Billy Priestley prevented a gilt edged opportunity.

Chances became limited and Colne's best effort until half-time was a powerful drive from Reece Webb-Foster that was palmed around the post by Kirkman on 37 minutes.

It is safe to say though that Skelmersdale had halted Colne's momentum.

Skelmersdale clawed a goal back just after half time when Alex Griffiths headed the ball across goalkeeper Hakan Burton into the far corner following a long throw-in.

Skelmersdale continued to press but they were not finding it easy to create chances despite having the majority of the possession.

Colne made changes and on 71 minutes substitute Bradley Lynch put in a cross that Webb-Foster hit high and wide, this was followed by a Bradley Knox shot that Smith saved, before Pugh hit the post.

When the final whistle went it was greeted by a massive cheer from the Colne support, but it was obvious to all that it was as much a shout of relief as much as anything else. Skem had almost left the Evo-Stik League a big shock as their leaving present.

Club		MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
16	Market Drayton Town	38	11	7	20	55	94	-39	40
17	Glossop North End	38	7	10	21	41	74	-33	31
18	Clitheroe	38	7	7	24	45	88	-43	28
19	Kendal Town	38	5	4	29	32	94	-62	19
20	Skelmersdale United	38	2	7	29	24	111	-87	13

Skem finished bottom of the table after only winning two games all season

Club seeking new players - male and female

SKELMERSDALE CC are actively seeking new players - all age groups male and female.

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If you're interested call Tony on: 07708 261193 (seniors) or Ged on 07960 495573 (juniors) or email skelmersdalecc@gmail to discuss further.

The club is affiliated to the Lancashire Cricket Board and are ECB Clubmark accredited.

S&B eight wickets down before rain ends game

In stark contrast to the glorious weather we witnessed during the opening round of fixtures over the Easter bank holiday weekend, last Saturday saw the weather return to its miserable self as high winds and rain ruined the entire fixture list, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

In the **Premier Division**, **Southport & Birkdale** played hosts to **Lytham** at Trafalgar Road and in the 37 overs of play that were possible the hosts were in deep trouble on 69-8 when heavy rain returned to end the day.

Opener Isaac Lea was unbeaten at the crease on 39* off 102 deliveries, whilst the rest failed to cope with an attack led by Josh Holden who took 4-29 off 19 overs.

In the **First Division**, **Ainsdale** were asked to bat and got off to a flier at home against Newton Le Willows, with an unbeaten 103* (14x4 & 3x6) from Mark Lucas enabling them to declare their innings after just 38.1 overs on 222-3. Skipper Stephen Lucas scored 52, the returning Lee Bolton 35* and Dylan Mullen (20) was also in the runs. In reply the visitors had reached 36-0 off 11 overs when persistent rain washed away any further chances of play, with James Smith (17*) and Ben Walkden (12*) unbeaten out in the middle.

The following day **Ainsdale** were beaten at **Bootle** in the **Royal London National Cup** by 25 runs after the hosts scored 191-7 in their 40 overs.

In the **Second Division**, **Southport Trinity** played host to **Alder**.

The visitors chose to bat and were duly dismissed for 112 with Ryan Trafford-Walker (29) and Jamie Millar (25) scoring almost half of them, whilst Trinity skipper Craig Prince claimed 5-51 on debut for his new club.

In reply, Trinity had reached 77-3 (C Prince 30 & J Hine 23) when the heavens opened for one final time to abandon proceedings for the day.

The following matches were all abandoned without a ball being bowled: Bootle v Rainhill, Leigh v Northern, Ormskirk v New Brighton, Wallasey v Formby, Birkenhead Park v Fleetwood Hesketh, Caldy v Hightown St Mary's, Maghull v Norley Hall, Sutton v Burscough.

This weekend's local LDCC league fixtures (1pm start): Formby v Leigh, Northern v Bootle, Orrell Red Triangle v Southport & Birkdale, Rainhill v Ormskirk, Fleetwood Hesketh v Prestatyn, Northop Hall v Ainsdale, Alder v Maghull, Burscough v Southport Trinity and Hightown St Mary's v St Helens Town.

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